



14. Class Picture - Shedden Public School - 1913.

1st Row: Albert Orchard, Kenneth Clunas, Eugene McArthur, Wilfred Bawtinheimer, Colin Martin, Frank Miller, Ina Stafford, Helen White, Gladys Colley, Audrey Storms, Rita Clunas, Irene Holborn, Cassie Francis, Elizabeth Tanner, Gladys Tanner, Vera Schrader, Edna Jackson.

2nd Row: Hartley Hyde, Wilfred Sells, Archie McTavish, Ernest Wride, Fred Schrader, Lloyd Comfort, Kenneth Hopkins, Lorne Lampman, Douglas Hopkins, Jonena McArthur, Kathleen McMackon, Ruth Keillor, Blanche Martin, Albert Bawtinheimer, Lawrence Stafford, Eula Francis, Ross Schrader.

3rd Row: Franklin Orchard, Isabelle Orchard, Willie White, Leroy Plain, Ted Lampman, Muriel Kerridge, Mary McTavish, Ruby Wride, Dorothy Wride, Ruth Wride, Mary Humphries, Leora Tanner, Morley Stafford, Stella Stafford - Jr. Teacher, Archie Blue - Sr. Teacher.

You and your family
are cordially invited to attend the
Centennial
of
S. S. No. 9 Shedden
on
Saturday, June 25th, 1966

REGISTRATION AND VISITING BASKET PICNIC AND
FROM 2:00 P.M. PROGRAMME - 5:00 P.M.
PLEASE BRING CUTLERY, DISHES, ETC. COFFEE PROVIDED.

REPLY BY JUNE 4TH TO
MRS. H. PARKS
R.R. 3, SHEDDEN

Invitation to the centennial of the brick school building in Shedden. The school was closed in 1966 and the Shedden students are bused to Southwold Central School.
Shedden Women's Institute

B. Vicary



SCHOOL-FAMILY REUNION — The 100th anniversary reunion at SS 9, Southwold Township, near Shedden, Saturday, brought together three generations of one family. From left are Miss Bonnie Ross, of Shedden; her grand-uncle, Leonard Plain, of

White Rock, B.C.; her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Atkinson, of Shedden, Henry Plain, of Cobalt, another grand-uncle; and her mother, Mrs. George Ross, of Shedden. About 450 attended the reunion. (Photo by Cowlard). *June 1966*

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ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 10, 1958



NEW SAFETY PATROL FORMED — A new safety patrol was formed at the Shedden Public School this week, under the guidance of Murray K. Rowe, left, of London, safety promotion officer of the Department of Transport. The patrol went into operation at once and in the above photo, junior grade pupils are seen being escorted across busy No. 3 Highway by Patrol Captain Robert Stafford and Patroller Beverley Moore. Behind Patroller Moore (centre, left) is William Creagmile, principal, left, and junior grades teacher Mrs. B. Johnston. — (T.-J. Photo)

Shedden School On Highway Protected By Safety Patrol

SHEDDEN (Staff).—A safety patrol went into operation at the Shedden Public School early this week—and another "child hazard area" can be stricken from the Southwestern Ontario map.

Murray K. Rowe, London, Ont., safety promotion officer of the Highway Safety Branch of the Ontario Department of Transport, was on hand on Thursday afternoon to see how the latest pro-

ject was working out. He, like the two teachers at the school, William Creagmile, principal and senior grade teacher, and Mrs. B. Johnston, junior grade teacher, was pleased.

Mr. Rowe first realized the need for establishing a safety patrol here when he made a visit to the school, fronting busy No. 3 Highway, a few weeks ago. Last Friday he met with T. Silcox,

chairman of the School Board, and the teachers to discuss the problem. He was given the green light and went directly to work lecturing to each class and showing safety films.

UNIT ORGANIZED QUICKLY

Needless to say, the pupils picked up the idea quickly and were anxious to get down to business. No time was wasted. The officers were elected the same day and by

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BIKES INCLUDED TOO— Safety patrol members at the Shedden Public School inspected some of the many bicycles at the school on Thursday. Left to right are Lt. Linda Raven, Patrol Captain Robert Stafford, Carolyn Moore,

Principal William Creagmile, Sandra Kilmer, M. K. Rowe (London district safety promotion officer), Daniel Hepburn, William Orchard, Patroller Beverley Moore, Patroller Paul Caldwell (kneeling), Patroller Lois Oakes and Patroller Donald Silcox.—(T.-J. Photo.)

dismissal time, they were busy practicing for their new duties. On Monday morning the patrol went into action without a hitch. An important rule in the operation of the patrol is that at no time is a patrol member allowed to actually halt traffic.

The patrol operates on a "hill" basis so that members have the occasional week, or day, off duty. Robert Stafford, 12, is captain of the new patrol, and Linda Raven is a lieutenant. Patrol members include Don Silcox, David Hepburn, Paul Caldwell, Beverley Moore, Sandra Kilmer and Lois Oakes.

So far only three belts have been received, but it is expected each member will have one of the smart white uniform pieces shortly.

The two classroom school in the west end of the village is attended by 80 pupils. As part of the program, Mr. Rowe is seeing to it that new crosswalks are painted on the highway and new "School Zone" warning signs are erected.

ANOTHER AT LAMBETH

A 16-member patrol went into operation at the Lambeth Public School on Thursday morning. Three captains and two lieutenants head the patrol which will see children safely across heavily-travelled No. 4 Highway and up to No. 2 Highway, which is patrolled by a full-time safety officer.

C. R. Tuttle, Lambeth Public School Board chairman, and the 10 school teachers stood behind Mr. Rowe in the organization of this new patrol. When the program is complete, the patrol members will all wear white plastic helmets, white belts and blue jackets.

At both Shedden and Lambeth "court sessions" for safety rule violators will be held. Patrol members are entitled to give violation tickets to any pupil who breaks safety rules during or after school hours. The "accused" will be brought before a court to be held at recess or after school with the school principal as magistrate. The pupil may conduct his defence if he thinks it will help him, and regular court procedures will be followed. As penalty the wrong allegedly done will be corrected and the wrong doer may have to do some extra work or duty. Later in the year it is hoped that some of the patrolers will be able to go to St. Thomas or London to see how Magistrate's Court actually is conducted.

Late last May a Safety Patrol was instituted at the Scottsville School a mile and a half north of the Tempo overpass. Mr. Rowe who covers entire southwestern Ontario has 10 more patrols "in the making." At present he is working in the Dorchester area and hopes four more patrols which he hopes will be operating within a week.



PUPILS OF S S 9 SHEDDEN

SENIOR ROOM 1940

From the left row front to back.

First row: Anna Mae Clubb, Ross Hamilton, Ralph Palmer, James Cann, Ruth Hammond.

Second row: Clair Lodge, Mary Smith, Jean Cann, Lois Wood, John Sells.

Third row: Ross Teetzel, Donald Berdan, Donald Vicary, James Orchard, Joe Caswell.

Fourth row: Eileen Koyl, Maxine Marr, Betty Schrader, David Marr, Leslei Hyde, Eileen Plain.

Fifth row: Jean Vicary, Mignon Moore, Stewart Moore, Donald Braddon.

Teacher: Mr. H. R. Stephenson.



SHEDDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SS # 9
May 1938

Far left front to back.

Row 1: Ross Hamilton, David Marr, Maxine Marr, Ross Teetzel, Leslie Hyde, Tom Plain.

Row 2: Jim Orchard, Ronald Rochemont, Kathleen Graham, Joe Caswell, Anna Mae Clubb, Claire Lodge, Ralph Palmer.

Row 3: Eileen Koyl, James Cann, Donald Vicary, Mary Smith, Donald Berdan, Jean Cann, John Sells.

Row 4: Marguerite Kaplanis, Eric Palmer, Dorothy Irons, Bill Briggs, Jean Berdan, Ross Stafford, Helen Lyons, Wesley Lampman.

Row 5: Murray Stafford, Grace Lyons, Doreen Berdan, Marjorie Morrow, James Schrader, Mary Lou Cann, Franklin Ayling.

Teacher: Miss Erie McGugan.

WABUNA REBEKAH LODGE
#143 SHEDDEN



ANNIVERSARY

1914 – 1989



Which is the best thing Life can
give us, as its winding road we wend?
Is it not the boon and blessing of a
good and trusted friend?

Friendship helps to ease the
burden--Lifts the heart and lights
the way--making sunshine in the
shadows, seeing blue skies through
the gray.

On the hills and in the valleys--
Sorrow fades and hopes ascend.....
All roads lead to bright horizons,
in the company of friends.

Patience Strong

WABUNA OFFICERS - 1914

Noble Grand Nancy White
 Vice Grand Florence Orchard
 Recording Secretary Stella Stafford
 Financial Secretary Lettie Sells
 Treasurer Agnes Morris
 Warden Annabell Sells
 Conductor Mamie Waugh
 Inside Guardian Ellen Moore
 Outside Guardian Hazel Keiler
 R.S.N.G. Lizza Sells
 L.S.N.G. Clara Warner
 R.S.V.G. Maggie Francis
 L.S.V.G. Lizzie Williams
 Chaplain Fred Russel
 Past Noble Grand Mary McArthur

WABUNA OFFICERS - 1989

Noble Grand Sandy Mills
 Vice Grand Lynda Beattie
 Recording Secretary Doreen Carder
 Financial Secretary Jean Gosnell
 Treasurer Audrey Young
 Warden Jean Vine
 Conductor Dorothy Ketchebaw
 Musician Ilene Orchard
 Inside Guardian Ada Stinson
 Outside Guardian Ila Swick
 R.S.N.G. Margaret Carder
 L.S.N.G. Joyce Crabe
 R.S.V.G. Betty Hogsden
 L.S.V.G. Marion Brown
 Chaplain Ruby Glover
 Jr. Past Noble Grand Margaret Royer

LOVE REMEMBERS

- : Little pieces of yesterday's dream,
beautiful to recall,
- : Our first meeting and the awkward
attempts to make interesting
conversation.
- : When we knew we had become very
special to each other for an
eternity of tomorrows.

In a world that too often forgets,
it's comforting to know that

LOVE REMEMBERS

FOR OTHERS

Did you say tonight in passing
With the day that's slipping past
That you helped a single person
Of the many you have passed?

Is a single life rejoicing
Over what you said or did
Does one whose hopes were fading
Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it,
Was it well or poorly spent
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber
Do you think that you can say
"I have made the world much better
For the life I've lived today?"

PROGRAMME

WELCOME

Sister Margaret Royer, PNG, Mistress of
Ceremonies.

O CANADA

GRACE

Rev. Roger Rice, Bethany United Church

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE
Sister Margaret Royer

TOASTS

"THE QUEEN"

Proposed by Bro. Dave Mills, N.G. Shedden 310

"REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO"

Proposed by Sister Nancy Fleming, D.D.P.

Response by Sister Bea McIntyre,
President, Rebekah Assembly.

"GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO"

Proposed by Bro. Bob Stunden, D.D.G.M.

Response by Bro. Lloyd Brown,
Past Grand Master.

One Minute Silence in Memory of
the Deceased Members of
Wabuna Lodge

P R O G R A M M E

History of WABUNA REBEKAH LODGE, read by
Sister Doreen Carder.

RECOGNITION OF WABUNA REBEKAH LODGE MEMBERS
Presentation and Toast by Sis. Nancy Fleming,
D.D.P.
Response by Sister Sandy Mills, Noble Grand.

NAME	No. YEARS a REBEKAH
Ina Ross	64
Beatrice Agar	60 (38 in Wabuna)
Jean Vine	52 (21 in Wabuna)
Effie Silcox	51
Ada Stinson	46 (18 in Wabuna)
Mary Ayling	46
Eva Piper	43 (35 in Wabuna)
Ilene Orchard	42
Eileen Carr	42
Albert Orchard	40
Jean Gosnell	39
Gladys Martin	38
Mac Kilmer	37
Laura Gordon	37
John Berdan	37
Helen Hepburn	36
Joyce Crabe	35
Edna Sells	35
Betty Hogsden	35
Margaret Carder	30
Doreen Carder	26
Ruby Glover	25
Hazel Leeson	24
Shirley Underhill	22
Violet Smith	22

NAME

No. YEARS

Elizabeth Juhasz	20
Audrey Young	20
Ila Swick	18
Goldie Stinson	18
Carol Reiger	18
Bruce Leeson	16
John Carder	16
Dorothy Ketchebaw	12
Catherine Knight	12
Ronald Swick	12
Helen Rapelje	12
Sandy Mills	11
Margaret Royer	9
Dave Mills	8
Marion Brown	4
Laura Brown	4
Stanley Brown	4
John Crabe	4
Lynda Beattie	4
Lydia Daugherty	

E N T E R T A I N M E N T

St. Thomas Ladies Choir: "Gloria in Excelius"
Bagpipe Selections: Mr. Wesley Staddon
St. Thomas Ladies Choir

F R I E N D S H I P H O U R

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MEAL: U.C.W. Shedden Bethany United Church

PIPER: Wesley Staddon, New Glasgow, Ont.

FLOWERS: Mrs. Kim Carder, St. Thomas, Ont.

"I SHALL BE GRATEFUL ALL MY DAYS
BECAUSE YOU WALKED IN FRIENDSHIP'S WAYS."

Roy Z. Kemp

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1989

SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

"Make each new morning the opening door
to a better day than the one before."

HISTORY OF WABUNA REBEKAH LODGE No. 143 SHEDDEN 1914-1989

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Meetings have been held in the downstairs hall since 1972 to avoid the stairs for those unable to go up and down the stairs.

Some valuable items have been donated to Wabuna Lodge over a period of time. The altar, which is used at our meetings, was made and donated by Sis. Mary Ayling and the late Bro. George Ayling. This was made from an organ given by the late Sis. Elizabeth Moore and the late Bro. Leonard Moore. A white Bible was given by Lillian (Moore) Jones. A Union Jack flag was donated by Sis. Joyce Crabe, and the Rebekah flag was donated by Sis. Eva Piper.

The Humanitarian Committee, which is made up of both Oddfellows and Rebekahs, has hospital beds, bedside tables wheelchairs, walkers and crutches which are loaned to persons requiring such articles.

One of our most pleasurable projects for the past several Christmas' is the remembrances taken to the sick and shut-ins in the community embracing our membership. We also donate funds to many medical and research organizations throughout the region.

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HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY - Wabuna Rebekah Lodge No. 143, Shedden, celebrated this occasion with dinner and entertainment at the Shedden Country Club on Saturday evening. Pictured above with the special cake are, from the left, Noble Grand Dave Mills, Shedden No. 310; District Deputy President Nancy Fleming, West St. Thomas No. 18; President

Bea McIntyre, Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Noble Grand Sandy Mills, Wabuna; Vice Grand Lynda Beattie, Wabuna; Warden Phyllis Scone, Rebekah Assembly; Past Grand Master Lloyd Brown, Grand Lodge of Ontario, and District Deputy Grand Master Bob Stunden of Erie District 15.

SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Dora McArthur - Curator
February, 1990

Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Wabuna Rebekah Lodge, No. 143, Shedden, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a dinner and entertainment at the Shedden Country Club on Saturday evening.

Past Noble Grand Margaret Royer, as chairperson for the evening, welcomed everyone prior to dinner served by Bethany U.C.W. Rev. Roger Rice provided grace.

Head table guests were introduced by P.N.G. Margaret Royer.

Noble Grand of Shedden, No. 310, Dave Mills, proposed the toast to the Queen.

Deputy District President Nancy Fleming of West St. Thomas, No. 18, gave the toast to the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, with response by President Bea McIntyre. A toast was proposed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario by Deputy District Grand Master Bob Stunden, responded by Past Grand Master Lloyd Brown.

A moments silence was observed in memory of deceased members of Wabuna Lodge.

D.D.P. Nancy Fleming gave a presentation and toast to members of Wabuna Rebekah Lodge. Noble Grand Sandy Mills responded.

The St. Thomas Ladies' Choir "Gloria in Excelsus", provided entertainment. Wesley Staddon also presented bagpipe selections for the program.

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History

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Rebekah Lodge

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ENJOY CUP OF TEA: Seen enjoying a cup of tea around the tea table prior to open house at the new lodge rooms of Shedden Oddfellows and Wabuna Rebekah Lodges on Tuesday afternoon are, left to right: Mrs. Clara Warner, seated; Mrs. George Ayling; Mrs. George Ross; Mrs. Jack Schram; Mrs. Spurgeon Williams; Mrs. Ernest Silcox; Mrs. Les Woods; Mrs. Ted Silcox; Mrs. Roy Peckham; West Lorne; Mrs. Ron Barnes, St. Thomas; and Mrs. Leonard Moore, seated, the latter, mother of the Mrs. Peckham and Mrs. Barnes.—(Times-Journal Photo).

Wabuna Birthday

The Past Noble Grands' Club of the Rebekahs contributed furnishings. The open house was also significant in that Wabuna Rebekah Lodge, is this year, celebrating its 40th anniversary. Along with the many delicacies served by the members on Tuesday, was a birthday cake to mark the occasion. And the Oddfellows did not forget. They sent along a beautiful basket of flowers as a token of appreciation to their counterparts.

Tonight, Wednesday, the Oddfellows will move from their old lodge quarters and hold the first meeting in the new lodge room. Next Tuesday evening, the Rebekahs will likewise.

During the open house, a candle-lighted food and tea table featured the setting and much credit was extended to Mrs. Ted Silcox, a past noble grand of the Rebekah, who convened the open house program.

About 150 guests attended including members of both Shedden lodges, and visiting lodges: Supreme Rebekah No. 251, St. Thomas, Port Stanley Rebekah No. 186, West Lorne Rebekah No. 217; Dove Rebekah No. 361, Rodney; and Oddfellows Lodge No. 76, St. Thomas. One of the oldest guests present was Mrs. Sarah A. Brad, Shedden, young and spry at 92 years of age, whose daughter, Mrs. John Schram of Shedden, is a past district, deputy president. Also present was Mrs. Fred Teetzel, a charter member, who visited during the afternoon.

Assisting in the pouring of tea and serving was Mrs. A. E. Orchard, an ex-member of the Wabuna Rebekah Lodge and the first district deputy. It was Mrs. Orchard who had the honor of naming the

Finishing touches were made and Gordon McGaw of Fingal, also a lodge member, had the contract for painting and decorating. Result is a bright, airy auditorium on the first floor, complete with stage, and a long, bright lodge room on the second floor. Also on the second floor are kitchen facilities combined with a recreation room. New lighting was included in the plans and the old steam heating plan was changed to modern gas heating. Smart draperies were hung on the windows and new chairs have been purchased for the lodge room. Tables and chairs have been placed in the auditorium, items which were made good use of at the open house.

Old Landmark Provides Lodge Rooms at Shedden

SHEDDEN—A 30-year-old landmark, the old Miller hotel, which has stood just west of the main intersection of this thriving No. 3 Highway village, has taken on a new look.

To walk inside, one would not recognize the interior. The rooms are no more and instead it houses the auditorium, lodge room, kitchen and recreation room of the Shedden Oddfellows Lodge No. 310 and Wabuna Rebekah Lodge No. 143.

And on Tuesday the building was humming with activity as the women of Wabuna Rebekah Lodge opened the doors and served tea from three to five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven to nine o'clock in the evening so that friends and neighbors of Shedden and district, and visiting Rebekahs and Oddfellows of St. Thomas and Elgin County, might visit in the new lodge hall and inspect the results of four years' efforts at planning money raising and renovating.

Working on a 50-50 basis, the men and women purchased the old building from the late Charles Kalensky, a shoemaker who had owned the building for a number of years after buying it from its builder a former owner, the late Walter Miller in the early 1920's. Mr. Miller moved a livery stable off the site and erected his hotel.

Money was raised through personal donations on the part of members of both lodges, card parties, dances and other community presentations. Then members of the Oddfellows went to work on a volunteer basis and did much of the remodelling work, working in co-operation with a Shedden contractor, Asa Berdan, also a member of the lodge, who had the contract

ing Waters." Unfortunately, Dan Humphrey of West Lorne district deputy president, was unable to be present because of illness.

Mrs. Ernest Silcox, P.D.D.P., in charge of the food table; Jack Schram, P.D.D.P., was charge of the guest register; Mrs. Leonard Moore, P.D., a charter member and holder of a 40-year jewel pin, and daughter, Mrs. Ronald Barnes Thomas, noble grand, were reception.

Others who assisted serving pouring tea included Mrs. G. Ross, P.D.D.P., and holder of a year jewel pin, Mrs. Clara Wabuna P.N.G. and charter member; George Ayling, P.D.D.P. and fiscal secretary, Mrs. Web Atkin P.N.G.; Mrs. Roy Peckham, Lorne, P.N.G.; Mrs. Sidney Card, P.N.G.; Mrs. Les V. P.D.D.P.; Mrs. Spurgeon Williams, P.N.G.; and Mrs. Bea Mu P.N.G.

Piano music was played throughout the afternoon and evening by Mrs. Joseph McCardle, a member of the lodge.

Lodge "Wabuna", which she believes was the Indian name meaning "Smiling Waters"

for remodelling. Walls were torn down, bedrooms, dining rooms and the like disappeared and new large rooms took their place

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The name Wabuna, which means "Smiling Waters", was chosen when one of the Charter Members of Wabuna in 1914 came across the word "WABUNA" in a story she was reading, and thought it would be an appropriate name for the new lodge. She presented her idea at the next meeting she attended, the name was accepted, and the new lodge was officially called WABUNA REBEKAH LODGE #143 SHEDDEN.

Three years ago this past winter we renovated our kitchen, purchasing a 6 burner gas stove, the Oddfellows fixed the kitchen floor by putting another brace in the basement. The Rebekahs had new cupboards built on the east wall of the kitchen and the existing ones on the south wall renovated then put new counters tops and new flooring on the floor. The Past Noble Grands of Wabuna purchased and installed new flooring in the front entry hall and had the stairway closed off. New drapes were made and hung by the Past Noble Grand that summer. This year the Past Noble Grands are purchasing a new Canadian flag and pole for the Lodge. At present we have 23 Past Noble Grands, some have served two terms, and some three terms. We have at this time 7 Past District Deputy Presidents, Ina Ross, Ilene Orchard, Margaret Carder, Jean Gosnell, Ruby Glover, Ada Stinson, and Doreen Carder.

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