

And the dove came into him in the evening;
and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf
plucked off: So Noah knew that the
waters were abated from off the earth.

Genises 8, Verse 11

Noble Grand's Message

I would like to congratulate the Sisters and Brothers of this lodge for their determination and success in keeping the Wabuna Rebekah Lodge #143 active for 80 years.

I am proud and privileged to be your Noble Grand for this term.

We have had a great year with 6 new members, a successful bazaar and now our 80th anniversary dinner.

I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight and thanks to my planning committee for a job well done.

A special thank you to Sister Wanda Taylor and her husband Doug for the printing of our programs for this evening. Also a thank you to all of our members for being so willing to take part in our program.

I would especially like to thank Sister Doreen Carder for her help through out the year.

Believe me Sisters I could not have done it without you.

Sister Violet Smith
Noble Grand

WABUNA OFFICERS 1993-94

Noble Grand	Violet Smith
Vice Grand	Jean Gosnell
Recording Secretary ...	Doreen Carder
Financial Secretary ...	Ruby Glover
Treasurer	Audrey Young
Color Bearer	Jenn Mantie
Warden	Wanda Taylor
Conductor	Joyce Crabe
Inside Guardian	Agnes Armstrong
Outside Guardian	Karen Vaughan
R.S.N.G.	Betty Hogsden
L.S.N.G.	Margaret Carder
R.S.V.G.	Jean Vine
L.S.V.G.	Helen Rapelje
Chaplain	Ada Stinson
Musician	Ilene Orchard
Jr. Past Noble Grand ..	Pat Conroy

WELCOME

Mistress of Ceromnies:
Sis. Sandy Mills

"OH CANADA"

Toast Queen: Sis. Sandy Mills
Grace: Chaplain Sis. Ada Stinson

DINNER

Introduction of Head Table: Sis. Sandy Mills
Toast to Rebekah Assembly : [REDACTED] Sis. Jean Gosnell
Response : V.P.R.A. Sis. Agnes Norris
Toast to Wabuna : D.D.P. Sis. Doris McDougall
Response : N.G. Sis Violet Smith
Soloist : Sis. Karen Vaughan

Minute of silence in memory of the
decease members of WABUNA Lodge.

PROGRAM

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History of Wabuna:

Sister Ruby Glover

Legend of the "Three Links":

Sisters Margaret Royer

Pat Conroy

Carol Reiger

Audrey Young

Rebekah Skit: Sisters Doreen Carder

Jean Gosnell

Betty Hogsden

Joyce Crabe

Helen Rapelje

Agnes Armstrong

Jenn Mantie

Recognition of Eighty Years Young and over:

Sisters Ina Ross, Beatrice Agar

Jean Vine, Effie Silcox

Ileen Orchard, Margaret

Carder

Bruce Leeson, Hazel Leeson

Dorothy Ketchebaw

Reading: Sister Wanda Taylor

"Life Begins at 80"

Introduction of Wabuna Members:

Closing Remarks:

Sister Violet Smith

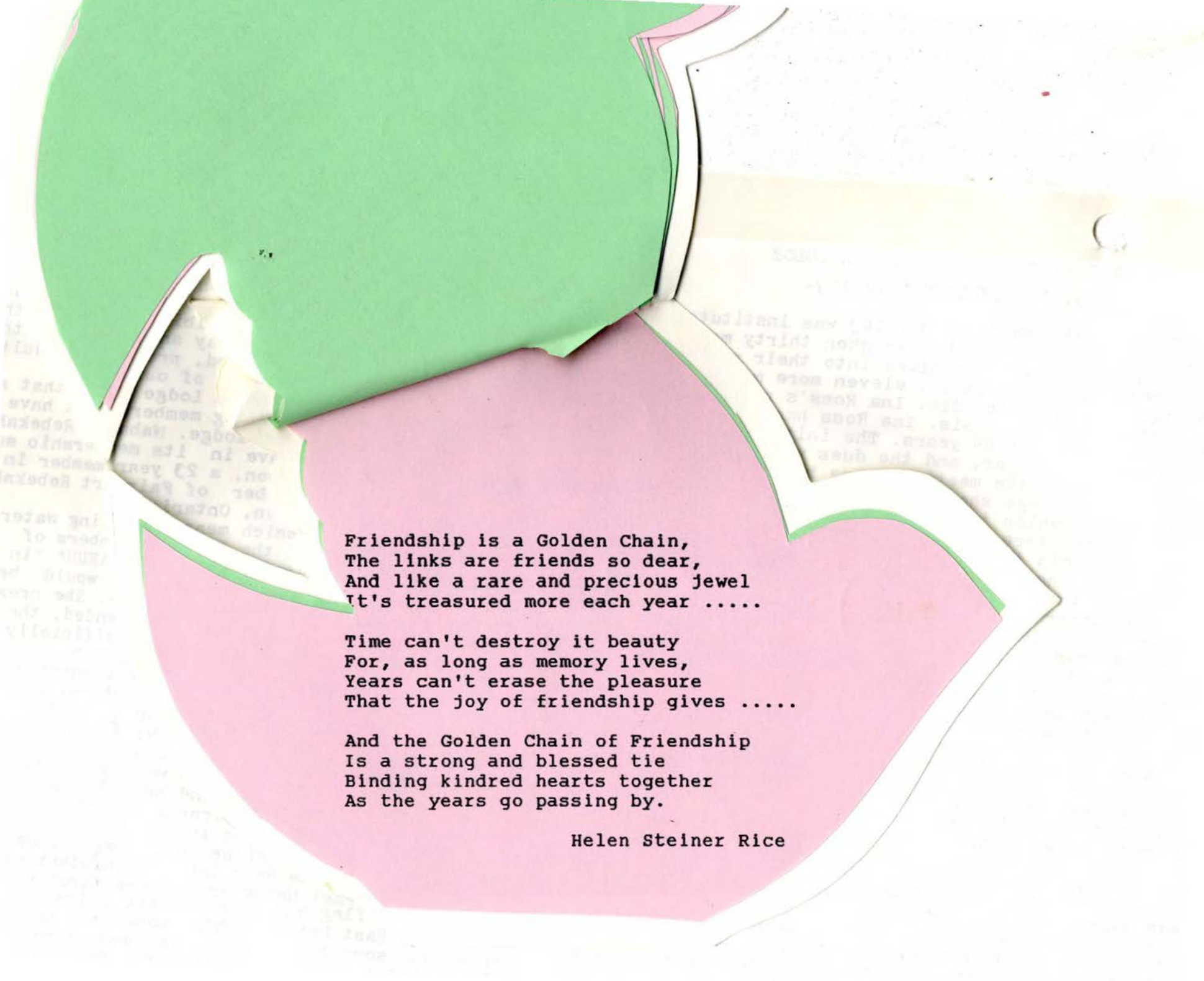
MEMBERS OF WABUNA

<u>NAME</u>	<u>#YRS.</u>	<u>REBEKAH</u>
Ina Ross	69	
Beatrice Agar	65-43	Wabuna
Jean Vine	57-26	Wabuna
Effie Silcox	56	
Ada Stinson	51-23	Wabuna
Ilene Orchard	47	
Eileen Carr	47	
Jean Gosnell	44	
Gladys Martin	43	
Mac Kilmer	42	
Joyce Crabe	40	
Betty Hogsdon	40	
Margaret Carder	35	
Doreen Carder	31	
Ruby Glover	30	
Hazel Leeson	29	
Shirley Underhill ...	27	
Violet Smith	27	
Elizabeth Juhasz	25	
Audrey Young	25	

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MEMBERS OF WABUNA

<u>NAME</u>	<u>#YRS. REBEKAH</u>
Ila Swick	23
Goldie Stinson	23
Carol Reiger	23
Bruce Leeson	21
John Carder	21
Dorothy Ketchewaw ...	17
Catherine Knight	17
Ronald Swick	17
Helen Rapelje	17
Sandy Mills	16-14 Wabuna
Margaret Royer	14
Dave Mills	13
Wanda Taylor	10
Marion Brown	9
Laura Brown	9
Stanley Brown	9
John Crabe	9
Lynda Beattie	9
Karen Vaughan	new member
Jenn Mantie	new member
Agnes Armstrong	new member
George Glover	new member
Pat Conroy	4



Friendship is a Golden Chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year

Time can't destroy its beauty
For, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives

And the Golden Chain of Friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.

Helen Steiner Rice

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dinner ----- : Wayside Inn
Cake ----- : Audrey Young
Flower Arrangements : Kim Carder
Banner ----- : Laura Brown
Acoustics ----- : Dennis Taylor
3 Gold Links made by : Goldie Stinson
Printing of Programs : Wanda & Doug Taylor

I shall be grateful all my days because
you walked in "Friendships Ways."

Roy Z. Keny



Doug Taylor, of IOOF Shedden Lodge 310, looks at old minutes from the lodge's meetings during the past 100 years. The lodge is celebrating its 100th anniversary. (T-J PHOTO)

Odd Fellows continuing tradition handed down through centuries

SHEDDEN — It is believed that in 18th Century England, laborers who took it upon themselves to relieve the distressed and educate the underprivileged were called "odd fellows".

At least that's one commonly held truth. For certain, however, is that today the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is still working, world-wide, in the name of friendship, truth and love.

This year, the Shedden Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge 310, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The lodge held its first meeting on June 13, 1894, when, in addition to the five founding members, 10 more men joined the membership.

Since then, the group has been an important presence in the community.

Doug Taylor, a member of more than 20 years, says one principle among members is to support one another. He recalled one time when a member was in a bad accident and other Odd Fellows helped out with some of his work at home.

"You help each other and

well," said Mr. Taylor.

The lodge provides financial support to numerous local organizations such as the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Elgin Lung Association, the Shedden Fair, soccer clubs, and has donated equipment to the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital through the lodge's Heart Equipment Fund.

One task of the lodge has been to keep membership going strong. With so many other activities for younger people, it isn't easy, says Mr. Taylor.

But he's pleased that this year

one member's son is the lodge's outgoing Noble Grand, or president, and Mr. Taylor's own son will become the new Noble Grand.

"Hopefully we're carrying the organization into the next generation and keeping it alive," he said.

To mark its 100th year, the lodge is holding a centennial banquet on Oct. 22 at the Shedden Country Club. Anyone wanting more information about the event can contact Mr. Taylor at 769-2536.

SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Dora McArthur - Curator

April 1995

SOUTHWOLD FARMER'S MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY 1978



(Back Row)
(Front Row) George Silcox, Mrs. Edna Sells (Secretary)
Ralph Palmer (Directors)
(Back Row) Clayton Chamberlain, Lloyd Jones, Fred Helkaa
Alex Turner (Agent) Clarence Hunter (Directors)

HISTORY OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE SOUTHWOLD FARMER'S
MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

"On July 27th, 1878, a large number of "Freeholders" met at the Shedden Temperance Hall for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the proposed Fire Insurance Company. Daniel Turner was elected Chairman, Richard Stafford Secretary.

Moved by Henry Daugharty, Sec. by John French, that the Company be known by the name of the Southwold Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company. (carried)

Moved and sec. that the place of meeting and head office of the Company be Shedden. (carried)

The following directors were duly elected, Geo Silcox, A. Waugh, Chas. Newland, Daniel Turner, Andrew Horton, John Andrews, Tho. Hunter.

Daniel Turner, Chairman
Richard Stafford, Sec. "

The above quotation is copied from the first yellowed page of the first minute book of the Southwold Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. This year, 1978, the company has been operating continuously for 100 years.

It is difficult for us to take ourselves back in time to life in Southwold Township 100 years ago. No doubt, one of the greatest fears of the farmer was fire. Buildings which were constructed by back-breaking toil, could be wiped out in minutes., leaving the owner destitute. Livestock, on which the livelihood of the family depended, could be destroyed. Insurance was almost unknown, and if available, was prohibitive

in cost. So these far-sighted men saw the necessity of some recourse in case of fire. Thus the company was formed and was to be in operation when \$100,000 in applications was received by the Secretary.

It is interesting to note that in November of that year(1878) over \$100,000 in applications was examined. This points out the need there was for this protection among the populace 100 years ago, as there still is today.

In 1878 included among the directors was Thomas Hunter and George Silcox. In 1978, after 100 years, the grandsons of these men, Clarence Hunter and George Silcox, are directors of the company. The first President of the company was Donald Turner. A relative of this man, Alex Turner, is still part of the Company.

The first Secretary-Treasurer appointed was Richard Stafford, who was to receive 50¢ for each policy and later in 1882 to receive \$80 a year.

In 1905 John H. Sells was appointed Secretary at \$165 a year. Since that time the Sells family have continuously carried on in this capacity. In 1937 John H. Sells' son, Wilfred Sells was appointed Secretary and after his death in 1953, his widow, Mrs. Edna Sells, took over his duties and is still Secretary-Treasurer of the Company in 1978.

The first agent was Dugald Brown, who was to receive 50¢ for each application. This man's grandson, the late Duncan Brown, was later a director of the Company.

These facts demonstrate the loyalty to the company which was felt in those days, as well as the integrity and competence of the directors over the years.

The minutes of the meetings over the years reflect the changing times in the township, particularly in the field of agriculture. The steam engine used for threshing and then the gasoline engine caused concern as fire hazards. Spontaneous combustion began to be recognized as a cause of some mysterious fires.

In the early days of the company they often had difficulty financially. they would have to borrow money to pay losses and no doubt the directors had to personally guarantee the loan. There seemed to be a great deal of livestock lost by lightning. Of course in those days every farm had a variety of livestock, pigs, cattle, poultry, sheep, and of course the horse, without which the farming operation could not have functioned. In 1903 Alex Lyle was paid \$45 for a steer lost by lightning.

1910 and 1911 must have been bad years for the Company financially. Reinsurance with other companies was mentioned for the first time and in 1911 an assessment of 7½% was issued on all premium notes to meet the losses of the company.

In 1913 telephones were added to the contents policies, which indicates the beginning of the rural telephone companies.

Until 1922 no mention was made of a fire engine in the municipality. But gradually through the efforts of the Southwold Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the late Charles Mabey of Shedden an old car with a pumper mounted on it was purchased. To-day the Municipality has provided very excellent fire protection, with engines in Shedden, Talbotville and Fingal.

PRESIDENTS OF THE COMPANY THROUGH THE YEARS

Daniel (Donald) Turner(1878)	W. A. Dewar
Thomas Hunter	John A. Campbell
John Andrews	A. E. Jones
Charles Edmonds	J. R. Gunning
Dugald McCall	George Silcox
Angus McLarty	Duncan Brown
Mungo McNabb	Clarence Hunter
A. J. Silcox	Alex Turner
John Steele	Kenneth Campbell
J. G. Chapman	Lloyd Jones
Edgar Silcox	Clayton Chamberlain
Maxwell Hunter	Ralph Palmer
Chas. Heidt	Fred Helkaa(1978)
C. F. Jackson	

SECRETARIES OF THE COMPANY THROUGH THE YEARS

Richard Stafford (1878)	John H. Sells (1909)
G. E. Stafford (1899)	Wilfred E. Sells (1937)
Matthew Silcox (1902)	Mrs. Edna Sells(1953-1978)

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY THROUGH THE YEARS

George Silcox (1878)	Charles Edmonds
A. Waugh	John King
Chas. Newland	I. McColl
Donald Turner	George Lawton
Andrew Horton	John Steele
John Andrews	Dugald McColl
Thomas Hunter	Mungo McNabb
John Williams	Edgar Silcox
Maylon Bodine	John Chapman
John Schultz	Maxwell Hunter
Henry Daugharty	Chas. Heidt
Thomas Burtch	Chas. F. Jackson
Angus McLarty	W. A. Dewar
John Orchard	Ernest Jones
Ewen Cameron	John A. Campbell
Malcolm McIntyre	Dougald McGibbon
A. J. Silcox	James Gunning
	Duncan Brown
	Kenneth Campbell
	Alex Turner

Directors in 1978 (100TH Year)

George Silcox (1932 -1978)	Fred Helkaa
Clarence Hunter	Ralph Palmer
Lloyd Jones	Clayton Chamberlain

AGENTS OF THE COMPANY THROUGH THE YEARS

Dugald Brown (1878)
A. J. Silcox (1878 - 1880)
Wm. Silcox (1880 - 1898)
Archibald Kerr
Wm. Killins (1896 - 1897)
Wm. Stafford (1898 - 1913)
Wilfred Silcox (1913 - 1916)
W. H. Turner (1916 - 1922)
W. A. Dewar (1922 - 1924)
John Campbell (1924 - 194?)
Wilfred Sells (194? - 1953)
Alex Turner (1953 - 1978)



SOUTHWOLD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
DIRECTORS 1945

Seated: James Gunning, Ernest Jones, Mr. Campbell, Duncan Brown

Back Row: Kenneth Campbell, Clarence Hunter, John Campbell, George Silcox, Wilfred Sells.



SOUTHWOLD AND DUNWICH TELEPHONE COMPANY
DIRECTORS 1939

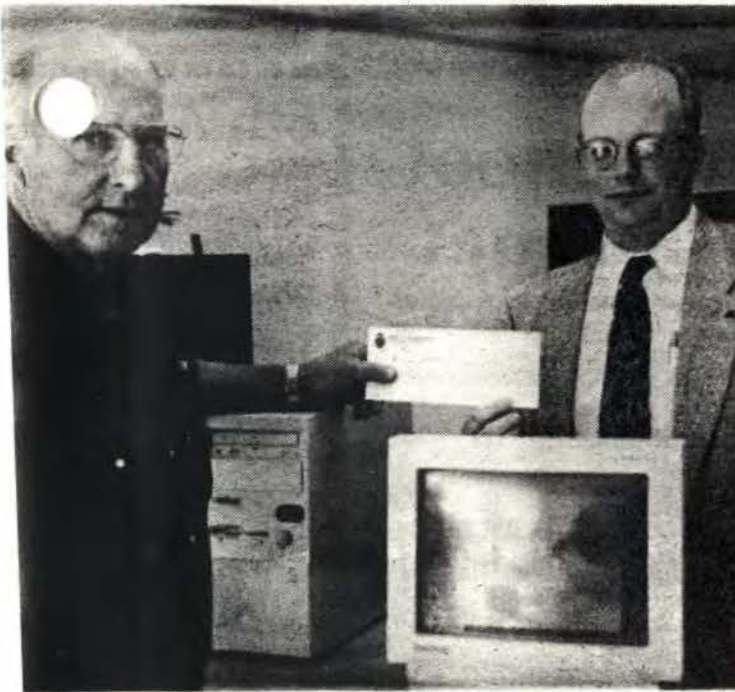
Seated: W.R. Pollard, President - James Milton, Lineman

Back Row: Archie McAlpine, Wilfred Sells, Dick McLellan
and W.H. Morrison



GRAND OPENING - The new Shedden office of the West Elgin Mutual Insurance Company was officially opened Saturday during Rosy Rhubarb Days. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies were, left to right: Jim House, Director-Southwold;

Ray Jenken, agent; Harry Mezenberg, Elgin County Warden; Perry Clutterbuck, Southwold Township Reeve; Don Vicary, President West Elgin Mutual; Peter North, MPP; Brian Downie, Secretary-Manager West Elgin Mutual; Mike Brown, agent, and Roy Chamberlain, Director-Southwold.



WEST ELGIN MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

128 Union Road, SHEDDEN

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OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1997

10:30 A.M.

Southwold Fire Department will be demonstrating
Computer Property Identification system

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Dora McArthur - Curator
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