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Shedden W.I. tours museum

The annual meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute began with supper at Grandma Lee's in St. Thomas. The group then made their way to the Elgin County Pioneer Museum where the meeting was held.

President Cheryl Garvin presided. The roll call, "Your favourite day of the week and why", was answered by twenty-two ladies.

Pauline Silcox, Carol Gor-

don, Jean Palmer and Brenda Silcox will work in the tuck Shop at the Elgin Manor. Jean gave the Museum report and said that a Copper Beach tree is to be planted on the museum grounds. Curator Debra Herkimer has been at the museum for seven years. The Museum Strawberry Social will be held Wednesday, June 19th, from 2-4 p.m. Madeline Parks reported for the Elgin Manor. A "Nearly new" cloth-

ing party was held to raise money for the residents' special fund used for special outings and events. Tweedsmuir Curator Dora McArthur read portions of the 1917 annual report which proved very interesting as members were working to support the men in World War I.

Annual reports were given by the Tweedsmuir curator, and the treasurer, Pauline Silcox. Secretary Connie

Silcox, gave her annual report, and recapped another successful, busy, productive year.

Madeline Parks conducted the installation of officers for 1991-92.

The new slate of officers are: President, Cheryl Garvin; 1st vice-president: Lois Oldham; 2nd vice-president, Connie Silcox; secretary, Barbara Botden; treasurer, Pauline Silcox.

Curator Debra Herkimer, was speaker and museum guide for the evening. She informed members that the original house was built in 1849. The museum has the original contract and floor plan of the home. It is owned by the County of Elgin, and these two organizations, the I.O.D.E. and the Women's Institute, hold the museum together. The museum only houses artifacts from within the county of Elgin preceding 1900. The statement of purpose for the museum, which is printed on memento plates states, "The Elgin County Pioneer Museum

has been established in 1956 to acquire, preserve, research and exhibit artifacts." Displays at the Museum are rotated at least four times a year. Through a provincial "Challenge Grant," Debra hopes this year to develop taped programs for the illiterate with information on the Museum.

A delightful tour of the Museum was the enjoyed. Pauline Silcox gave the courtesy remarks.

May 1991

Shedden W.I. learns tornado safety

Constable Art Manninger was the guest speaker at the May meeting of Shedden Women's Institute. In our area, we are in Tornado weather now. Constable Manninger told us that we live in "Tornado Alley" as our climatic situation is prone to create a tornado. A tornado occurs when hot and cold air masses meet. The prime time of the day is late afternoon and early evening. Constable Manninger said that we should beware of hot humid days,

when an orange-red sky forms. If you think a tornado is "in the making", watch the sky, watch your animals (they are more sensitive to the air pressure change), and listen to the radio for "weather watches" and updates.

Where should you go if a tornado strikes? A fruit cellar, under a basement stairway, or an inner closet are safer places to go. Never stay near windows and always raise your windows a couple of inches to equalize the air pressure.

Since Const. Manninger and Const. Rabbits gathered pictures and information on the 1979 Woodstock tornado, at least 100,000 people have viewed the presentation. Our area schools are given this presentation every other year.

Also sharing her experiences during a tornado was Mrs. Ruth Anne Huggard of Frome. She viewed the tornado last year in Frome as she lives on the out-skirts. Previously a resident of Edmonton, Mrs. Huggard shared her recollection of "Black Friday" in 1987 when a tornado ripped through the outer limits of Edmonton leaving 23 dead.

Both Mrs. Huggard and Constable Manninger recommended listening to your radio for up-to-date weather happenings. Radio stations in this area have been excellent at keeping the public informed. Keep a battery operated radio operable as usually the hydro goes out. Don't disregard

warnings. Apply what you have learned and go to the safest place possible.

Carol Gordon gave the courtesy remarks and thanked the speakers for their enlightening, informative presentations.

President, Cheryl Garvin presided for the meeting portion of the evening. The motto was "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The roll call was answered by "something that fascinates you about a storm in any season."

A new 4-H pin is available for only \$1.00. Janet Stachow from Ashburn won this 4-H pin design competition. Connie Silcox offered to look after getting the Home and Country magazines to members. Those on the Shedden Fair Committee this year are Cheryl Garvin, Barbara Botden, Jean Palmer and Pauline Silcox.

June 1991

Club News

Shedden WI hear tales of South Africa

President Cheryl Garvin opened the meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute with the Institute Ode and Mary Stuart Collect. The motto was: Happiness is a perfume, inside you on a shelf; when you sprinkle some on the other, you spill some on yourself.

The 4-H clubs are taking a bus trip to Bob-Lo Island this year. The cost is \$27 per person. A donation was made to the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Foundation Fund.

Madeline Parks reported from the Elgin Manor and Mrs. Jean Palmer shared letters from fellow institute members from England who had visited our area last year. She also showed us a "bird jumper". It is a knitted tube with a hole on the other side which fits over the birds effected by the oil slicks in the Persian Gulf. These "jumpers" soak up the oil and have saved the lives of many birds. Jim Ward of Scarborough, England co-ordinates the making of these "bird jumpers".

Dora McArthur took our Tweedsmuir lesson for the evening from the June 1913 Dutton Advance. It mentions that the Women's Institute Annual Picnic was to be held Aug. 12, 1913, at Port Talbot. A pre-

sentation "Cool dishes for hot days", was also given.

Those volunteering to work at the tuck shop for July were Pat and Kelly Palmer, Kay Chamberlain and Karey Logghe.

Convenor, Mrs. Lois Oldham introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Rose Lemmer of Shedden, Ont. Mrs. Lemmer was born in South Africa and lived there for 35 years. She told us that after the native people, South Africa was originally settled by the English and Dutch.

There are about 38 million people living in South Africa — approximately 5 million are white, 30 million black, and 3 million are colored. She presented an interesting array of slides including traditional pictures of animals such as giraffes, flamingoes, baboons, rhinoceroses, hyenas, lions and elephants.

We viewed industrial modern cities such as Johannesburg and Durban. Then we were taken to the country where some farming areas are poor and primitive and piled thorn bushes are used to keep the lions out. Unlike Ethiopia and Sudan, South Africa produces enough food to feed itself. South Africa is also fortunate to be wealthy in minerals. Cheryl Garvin thanked Mrs. Lemmer on behalf of the group for our wonderful "armchair" trip to this part of our world.

The Shedden Women's Institute does not meet again until September however does not forget Shedden Fair — August 23 to 25.

Sept, 1991

Shedden Women's Institute

The Shedden Women's Institute met at the home of the "cultural activities" convenor, Barbara Botden. For the evening program, Barbara demonstrated the art of stenciling and sponging. She told us that you can stencil on almost anything, for instance tin, wood, walls, paper and fabric. Barbara had a display of some of the articles she had done including a milk can, tray, stool, table, chair, cards, and her kitchen walls. Stenciling is an inexpensive, yet very effective way of decorating. There are many magazines and books on the subject, many of which can be found in the library.

The president, Cheryl Garvin, conducted the business portion of the meeting. Twenty-four members answered the roll call. "Name an artistic ability or craft that

you have admired but never attempted." On November 7th, the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario will be hostess to "Women's Day" at the Royal Winter Fair.

Barbara Botden and Brenda Silcox will be delegates to the London Area Convention in Norwich. The Elgin Manor Auxiliary is holding a volunteer luncheon from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on October 24th in the auditorium. All volunteers are invited. A "nearly new" clothing party will be held at the Elgin Manor on October 29th, from 9:30 - 2:00 p.m.

"Glimpses into the past," is the theme of the school tours now being given at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum. Carol Gordon reported the four welcoming books have been handed out to new residents of Shedden. Incoming London Area Tweedsmuir secretary is

Shedden W.I. member Beth Vicary. Alternate Board Director is Jean Palmer. Special recognition is to be given to the late Wilamena Jackson and Gertrude Sloan for their dedicated work in London Area.

In Shedden, Pat Palmer and Karen Lynch are leading the "Fitness" 4-H club. Wanda Schram and Diane Uitvlugt are leading the "Heritage" 4-H club.

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Shedden Women's Institute

Recently at the Shedden W.I. meeting, Mrs. Beth Vicary spoke on her work for the Ontario Herd Improvement Corporation which functions out of Head Office in Guelph. This is a service to help farmers compete in today's market by providing them with valuable information on his/her herd. It is used to determine which cows are good producers, how they respond to feed, to give a reliable record of production at the sale barn and to show accurate milk/protein/fat statistics on the export market. Competently, and with a "dash" of humour, Beth pointed out the "ups" and "downs" of being a milk tester.

Eighteen members and two guests answered the roll call - Name a farm or a farm visit you will never forget. Pat Palmer and Brenda Silcox will present the Shedden W.I. at the Baking Break Workshop. They will then offer this course to the members. Committee

reports were heard from the car caravan, the Cancer Society Daffodil Tea, the W.I. Rally, the Elgin Manor Luncheon, the Elgin Manor Auxiliary, and the Remembrance Committee. Carol Gordon reported that two new residents have moved into Shedden and were given Welcoming Books.

Volunteers for the Elgin Manor Tuck Shop are Jean Palmer, Margaret Campbell, Ilene Orchard and Janine Silcox.

The Tweedsmuir History lesson for the evening, given by Dora McArthur, highlighted rural postal delivery. There were 900 routes by 1912. The price of a letter was 1¢ for office distribution and 2¢ for mailing to a rural route.

Brenda Silcox reported from the London Area Convention. The theme was "Women and Their Environment". Hilde Morden, president of the Area

Convention encouraged members to work on their own personal image and their own personal growth. She suggested taking our eyes off those who are watching us and building on our own self esteem. Build on improving yourself. She told the audience to "Make the best of all things".

Peggy Knapp, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, inspired members as she reminded everyone of the far-reaching influence of the unified voice of the W.I., listing many boards on which the W.I. representatives sit. She highlighted W.I. tasks and accomplishments in terms of the Past, the Present and the Future. This was strikingly demonstrated in the Federated Women's Institute of Canada statement to the House of Commons on October 9th, 1991, demanding that the government make agriculture in Canada a high priority item. The task of ambassador

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for the W.I. in setting up 1 new branches has been undertaken by Hilde Morden. Three new branches are already in the works.

Guest speaker for the convention was Lavonna Ballag of Wingham. She captivated and inspired the audience on her topic - Pollution. Acid Rain, Toxic Gases, and Garbage - in the form of gossip, unkind words, unkind actions, back-stabbing, criticism and depletion of self-esteem. She encouraged members to build up, not tear them down. She suggested that if we want a "clean environment" we better start with ourselves.

The next meeting is at the home of Pat Palmer on November 27th at 8:00 p.m.



It pays to shop the Classified for the best deal on wheels.

Dec, 1991

Shedden W.I. Christmas meeting

Decorated for the season, members of the Shedden Women's Institute, met at the home of the convenor, Connie Silcox, for the December meeting. The roll call "Describe what Christmas means to you in one word", proved to be very thought provoking. Grocery items were collected for Christmas Care.

Donations were made to the Children's Hospital and "Save the Children" fund.

The structure of the 4-H program has changed. Leaders have approximately 70 projects from which they can choose a course to teach club members. Beginning leaders must attend an introductory workshop.

Pat Palmer and Brenda Silcox will lead the Baking Bread Course on Tuesday, February 4th and February 11th, starting at 7 p.m.

Beginning in January, the Institute meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Connie Silcox began the program for the evening by telling the story of Sadako and the Peace Crane. She patiently helped each member make a peace crane to take home and place on our trees. Maxine Silcox then spoke on the art of quilting. Her quilt, "Feathered Star", won first prize at Shedden Fair and then went on to win first place for District 13. The quilt goes on to the all Ontario Canada Packers Quilt Competition in

Toronto. This competition is now sponsored by the Hobby Horse Quilt Shop in Georgetown. Maxine explained the various things the judges would be looking for in a prize winning quilt. She also showed members several tips on making a mitred corner. She brought along several of her award winning quilts and a sample of the quilt the fair-board is making to sell tickets on this year. With "left-over" pieces of material, Maxine made potholders and oven mitts which were won in a draw by Jean Vine and Vivian Cairns.

The meeting was closed in candlelight with the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night. For lunch, the coffee cake and donuts were recipes from the Baking Bread shortcourse, and were enjoyed by all.

Tweedsmuir Curator speaks to Shedden W.I.

Tweedsmuir Curator, Dora McArthur, was the speaker at the January meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute. She began her "history lesson" by looking at the map of Elgin County. There are three main roads in Southwold Township - two are named Talbot Road. The north branch (now Highway #3) is also referred to as Back Street, and the south branch (now County Road #16) is also referred to as Front Street. Running through the northern part of the township is Highway 401.

Col. Thomas Talbot began bringing in settlers to Southwold Township in about 1803, settling them on land along both the Talbot roads. The early 1840's saw many families coming into this area. Descendants of these families are still residing in the area today. Names well known for

years are: Turner, Miller, Laurence, McIntosh, McIntyre, McCormick, McArthur, McDougall, Campbell, McKillop, McLellan, and Annett. The majority of the families came from Argyleshire, Scotland, while others came from England, New York State, and the Niagara Region. Also at this time, saw the incoming of the Oneida Indians from New York State. They landed in Port Stanley, came in through Southwold Township, and took up their abode on the Thames survey opposite the earlier settlement of Muncey and Chippewa Indians, on a stretch of 5,000 acres bordering on the Southwold survey.

The oldest village in the township is Fingal which was surveyed into village lots and named Fingal by Col. Talbot in 1830. Land owned by Duncan McCormick was surveyed into village lots in 1848 and was named Iona after the Island of Iona, Scotland. Iona Station came into existence when the Canadian Southern Railway was laid. Paynes Mills was named after the Paynes brothers who had flour mills in the area. Shedden's history is contained in the Tweedsmuir History of the Shedden Women's Institute. For public perusal, a photocopy of the entire Tweedsmuir History is located at the library in Shedden.

The Women's Institute is

proud of the dedicated volunteer work of our many Tweedsmuir History Curators. Our Canadian history has been kept by Women's Institute Tweedsmuir Curators across Canada down through the years.

President, Cheryl Garvin opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stuart Collect. Connie Silcox acted as secretary for the evening. An announcement was received from Matthew and Barbara Botden on the birth of their daughter Frances Helena. March 4th - 7th is the Western Fair Farm Show. Please register by February 8th for the Community Outreach Seminar to be held at Southwold Public School on Saturday, February 22nd. New inserts and/or handbooks have been ordered for members.

Brenda Silcox gave the courtesy remarks to the committee for the evening, Pauline Silcox, Dora McArthur and Ruth Hunter.

Education Convenor, Jean Palmer, will host the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 26th with teacher Margie Carroll as guest speaker.



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Changes in education topic of Shedden W.I. meeting

Mrs. Jean Palmer, Education Convenor, was hostess for the February meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute.

President, Cheryl Garvin conducted the business portion of the meeting assisted by the secretary, Barbara Botden. The roll call was answered by "your least and best subject in school." The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario Convention will be held on August 7th, 8th and 9th at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay this year.

Shedden No. 1 4-H Club is being led by Wanda Schram and Diane Uitvlugt, and Shedden No. 2 Club is being led by Pat Palmer and Karen Lynch. Both groups are taking the Club on Etiquette called, "Your Best Foot Forward."

The nominating committee for 1992-93 will be Brenda Silcox, Carol Gordon and Pauline Silcox. Carol Gordon delivered a "Welcoming Booklet" to Wendy's Gift Boutique, recently opened in the Shedden Village Square.

Jean Palmer gave the mu-

seum report encouraging W.I. members to attend the museum meetings and volunteer. Those members offering to work at the Tuck Shop at Elgin Manor were Jean Palmer, Margaret Campbell, Pauline Silcox and Brenda Silcox.

We were proud to have our Shedden Women's Institute member Maxine Silcox attend the Canada Packers Quilt Competition at the Royal York in Toronto recently. In 1992, all fairs are encouraged to celebrate the fact that it has been 200 years since fairs were started in Ontario. Also, Canada is 125 years old this year.

Guest Speaker

Teacher Margie Carroll was the guest speaker for the evening. She is a grade 4 teacher at Southwold Public School. Mrs. Carroll spoke of her work as a teacher and of the changes she has seen and experienced over the years. Some of these included: one-room schools, two-room schools, central schools, portable classrooms, outside washrooms, individual desks, tables, open class-

room concept, T.V.'s, VCR's and computers. She commented on the many advantages our children enjoy in the Central School systems. Some of these are: the wonderful library facilities, the sports programs, the music programs, art appreciation and materials, and the reliable and safety conscious bussing system.

She said that one thing that has not changed is the fact that a child must have a good self concept in order to learn as much as they can. Mrs. Carroll told us that we have an excellent school at Southwold Central and that Ontario has a very good education system which all boys and girls should make the best of.

Margaret Campbell thanked the speaker and a delicious lunch was served by Jean Palmer, Margaret Campbell and Connie Silcox.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Brenda Silcox on March 25th, at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. John McKee speaking on "Heart to Heart."

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Shedden Women's Institute has

Mr. John McKee was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute. He is a member of the "Heart to Heart" support group. The "Heart to Heart" program is run by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This group gives support to heart attack victims, their family, and the ones who care for the person who has had a heart attack. It is an educational as well as a social program and is run twice a year. The course runs over an eight week period and pertains to all things pertinent to heart attack victims including the effects a heart attack has on your heart, exercise, diet, heredity and stress. Mr. McKee spoke of "good" cholesterol and "high" cholesterol and encouraged us to be label readers and to watch the "saturated fats", as they are bad news. After suffering a heart attack, he emphasized how the "Heart to Heart" group improves your sense of worth. Mr. McKee said the expertise and quality of care at the Elgin General Hospital is very good and we are

fortunate to have such an excellent hospital so close to us in St. Thomas. Brenda Silcox thanked the speaker for his informative talk and presented him with a small token of appreciation.

President, Cheryl Garvin, presided for the business. Twenty members and one visitor answered the roll call: Name a food high in cholesterol. The motto for the evening was "Each day's a new beginning, so start it with a smile. Enjoy the art of living. Do things that are worthwhile". Museum tickets are for sale at \$5.35 each. Secretary Barbara Botden, collected prepared answers to the child care survey from several members. One "Welcoming" booklet was distributed by Carol Gordon to David and Joy Insell who have recently moved into the community.

The motto for the April meeting of the Shedden Women's Institute was "The 3R's of citizenship - Rights, respect and responsibility". Nineteen members answered the roll call - A way to teach our children to be good

citizens. President, Cheryl Garvin assisted by the secretary Barbara Botden conducted the business.

A donation was made to the 4-H Club.

Upcoming events include: May 6 - Elgin Manor Tea 1:30-3 p.m.; My 6 - Kensington Club Dessert Tea 7 p.m.; My 13 - District Annual at Fingal United Church 6:30 p.m. Representatives are Cheryl Garvin, Carol Gordon, Pauline Silcox and Lois Oldham. May 11 - Tuck Shop at Elgin Manor with volunteers being Margaret Turner, Jean Palmer, Madeline Parks and Ruth Hunter. June 24 - Museum Strawberry Social 1-4 p.m. cost \$3.

Brenda Silcox gave the District Annual report. The London area convention will be on Oct. 14 at the Ailsa Craig Community Centre with the theme being "I'm proud to be a Canadian." This is the 20th year for the Earland Lee Homestead. "Invest in Yourself" is the theme for the Royal

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Heart-to-Heart talk with speaker



Winter Fair this year. The next shortcourse will be "Pass it on" on decor accents with the leadership day being on Nov. 11. R.O.S. Valerie Clarke spoke on her changing role and the work she now does with individuals, committees, groups, and recruitment. She will speak to any organization about motivating and recruiting members.

As this was the annual meeting, reports were given by Pauline Silcox - treasurer; Jean Palmer - museum; Madeline Parks - Elgin Manor;

Carol Gordon - welcoming committee; Pat Palmer - Janet Columns. Barbara Botden gave her annual secretaries report summarizing the events and accomplishments of the Shedden Women's Institute during the past year.

Madeline Parks conducted the installation of officers for the 1992-93 year which are as follows: past president - Cheryl Garvin; president, Lois Oldham; 1st vice-president, Connie Silcox; 2nd vice-president, Barbara Botden; secretary Barbara Botden; treasurer, Pauline Silcox; district director, Cheryl Garvin; alternates, Brenda Silcox, Pat Palmer; branch directors, Maxine Silcox, Jean Vine, Margaret Turner; P.R.O., Carol Gordon; assistant P.R.O., Brenda Silcox; remembrance, Ilene Orchard, Ina Ross; pianists, Kay Chamberlain, Beth Vicary; tweedsmuir history curator, Dora McArthur; museum and rally rep., Jean Palmer; Elgin Manor Rep., Madeline Parks; assistant, Margaret Turner; program co-ordi-

nator, Brenda Silcox; welcoming committee, Pat Palmer; auditors, Dorothy McLaughlin, Margaret Campbell; standing committee convenors are: Connie Silcox, Cheryl Garvin, Carol Gordon, Pauline Silcox, Barbara Botden, Dorothy McLaughlin, Jean Palmer, Pat Palmer, and Brenda Silcox.

Margaret Turner and Jean Palmer had the pleasure of presenting Beth Vicary with her life membership and 25-year badge. All members then joined in to construct and design from magazines a unique book of Beth's life from childhood to retirement. The humorous saga was revealed at the end of the evening following a delicious lunch prepared by the hostess Dorothy McLaughlin, and her committee, Margaret Carder and Kay Chamberlain.

Cheryl Garvin is the hostess for the May meeting to be held at Bethany United Church on May 27 at 7:30 p.m. with Jane and Lillian Carder telling about their trip to Finland. Anyone is welcome to attend.

May 1992

Shedden W.I. enjoy slides on Finland

The May meeting of the Shedden W.I. was held at the Bethany United Church. The ladies were taken on a trip to Finland through slides and a commentary presentation by Jane Carder. Jane's daughter Lillian wrote the commentary and is presently attending the Legislative in Toronto as a Page. Through the International Youth Services, four years ago, Lillian, was matched with a Pen Pal named Maria from Finland. Jane and Lillian decided to take a trip to Finland on July, 1991. When they arrived the weather was very hot and dry. Both had a hard time adjusting to their sleeping habits especially with 24 hours of sunlight.

The City Oulu was beautiful and boasted of having a marina, theatre, sports complex and a University with 3500 students. Health Spas are very popular throughout the country. Instead of bricks, homes and churches are made from wood and 89% of the forest industry is exported. They found cars and food very expensive.

Next, Jane and Lillian travelled across the Arctic Circle and spent 4 days in the Lapland. They saw herds of reindeer being raised like our sheep and cows. The Lapland reminded them of our Northern Ontario terrain.

Jane finished by showing Lillian's reindeer hide and other articles from Finland. Jean Vine thanked Jane and presented her with a gift.

New President Lois Oldham conducted the meeting assisted by Secretary Barbara Botden. Everyone sang the Institute Ode and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. The Roll Call: A country you would like to visit and why? led into a lively discussion. Pauline Silcox gave the financial report.

accepted to celebrate the 125th Anniversary Birthday Party on June 2nd at 8:00 p.m.

Pat Palmer will distribute the remaining Janet Column Books to local places such as schools, Elgin Manor and the Bobier Home, etc.

Cheryl Garvin reported from the District Annual. Some dates to remember are: A Tweedsmuir Curator Workshop in Embro on August 11th at 9:30 a.m.

The Museum Strawberry Social on June 24th and the Daffodil Tea is hosted by Paynes Mills at the Talbotville United Church on October 8th.

Madeline Parks reported from Elgin Manor. Mrs. Parks said seniors are cared for at home by VON's and that Elgin Manor is mainly for the disabled. The Elgin Manor Strawberry Social is June 26th and the Beef and Pork Barbecue is on July 3rd.

Before the next meeting Jean Palmer and her committee have arranged with the Fair Board to plant a tree on the Fairgrounds to help celebrate Canada's 125th birthday. The regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, 7:30 p.m., at Bethany United Church will conclude the celebration.

Connie Silcox thanked Cheryl Garvin, Jean Vine and Margaret Campbell for an excellent meeting and delicious lunch.

June, 1992

Canada 125 theme for Shedden W.I. meeting

Members of the Shedden Women's Institute paid tribute to Canada's 125th birthday at their ~~July~~^{June} meeting. Everyone wore red and white or a pin indicating they were Canadian. The roll call was: Name a person who has contributed to Canada's prestige. Some of the names mentioned were Anne Murray, Barbara Anne Scott, Rick Hansen, Elizabeth Manley, Sir Frederick Banting, Roberta Bondar, Jean Sauve, Guy Lombardo and Michael Smith.

The motto for the evening: Citizenship is the status of a person who owes allegiance to the government in return for political rights and privileges.

Madeline Parks gave an interesting paper on citizenship including the three ways to become a Canadian citizen. (1) To be born in Canada. (2) To be born outside of Canada but one parent lives in Canada. (3) To be born outside of Canada - you must apply for citizenship.

The convenor for the evening, Jean Palmer, prepared a musical program with ALL CANADIAN songs and composers. She gave a brief history of how each song had come to be written and Kay Chamberlain played the piece on the piano as members hummed or sang along. She began with "The Maple Leaf," written by Alexander Muir of Toronto in 1867 and "O' Canada," by Calixa Lavallee of Quebec. A few of the other songs included: "I'll Never Smile Again," Ruth Lowe, Toronto; "There's a Bird on Your Windowsill,"

Elizabeth Clark, Vancouver; "My Heart Cries For You", Percy Faith, Toronto; "Lonely Boy," Paul Anka, Ottawa; "Walk Hand in Hand With Me," Johnny Cowell, Tillsonburg; "When You and I Were Young Maggie," Maggie Clarke and George Johnson, Hamilton; "K-K-Katy," Geoffrey O'Hara, Kingston; "The West, a Nest, and You," Mart Kenny and His Western Gentlemen, Alberta; "You Were on My Mind," Sylvia Flicker, Chatham; "I'm Movin' On," Hank Snow, Nova Scotia; "Snowbird," Gene McLellan, New Brunswick; "Four Strong Winds," Ian Tyson, British Columbia; "Early Mornin' Rain," Gordon Lightfoot, Orillia; "Land of the Silver Birch," author unknown. The songs of celebration ended with "God Save the Queen." The author and composer are unknown. It is the Royal Anthem of Canada and originated as a patriotic song in

London, England in 1745.

The Women's Institute will plant a tree in the Fall at the fairgrounds to commemorate 'Canada 125'.

To complete the evening, a patriotic "Red and White" dessert of strawberry shortcake was served. Brenda Silcox gave the courtesy remarks to Jean Palmer, Madeline Parks, Ruth Hunter and Kay Chamberlain for the most enjoyable 'Canada 125' celebration. The next meeting will not be until September 23rd at 7:30 at Bethany United Church when David Chamberlain of "Rural Roots" will be the guest speaker. Don't forget Shedden Fair on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd.