



Sat.
Mar. 20.
1954.

First
United
Church
School
Hall.

Achieve-
ment
Day.

4-H
Home-
Making
Club.

St. Thomas

Elgin
County.

"What
Shall
I
Wear?"

Sponsored
by
Women's
Institutes

Director,
Miss Agnes
Turnbull

10
Winners
of
Certificates
of
Honour.

Provincial
honours,
- 12 projects

County
honours,
- 6
projects

HONORS WINNERS — Certificates of honor are presented to 10 Elgin County Homemaking Club members on Saturday afternoon at an achievement day held in First United Church. Four girls received provincial honors for completing 12 projects and six girls received county honors for completing six projects. The girls are, left to right: Front row—Gladys Bennett, Cowal; Mrs. Betty Lou Tillotson, Aylmer; Donna Rae Prong,

Aylmer, and Mrs. Rose Marie McCallum, Cowal, all provincial honors winners. Back row—Rowena Robbins, Shedden; Isobel Brown, Shedden; Rosalie Paddon, St. Thomas (Central Junior Institute); Agnes Turnbull, home economist for Elgin and Middlesex; Eileen Jewell, Cowal, and Mary MacPherson, Iona Station, all county honors winners. Joan Burwell, Port Burwell, was absent. —(Times-Mar. 20th Journal Photo). 1954.

Achievement Day Draws Over 100 Girls On Saturday

Achievement Day brought over 100 4-H Homemaking Club girls and their leaders from all over Elgin County to First Church on Saturday. Modelling of blouses, skits and demonstrations and the presentation of awards and silver spoons were all part of the program.

Sponsored by the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Services of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and directed by Miss Agnes Turnbull the project this time was entitled "What Shall I Wear."

Guest Home Economists who were present to assist Miss Turnbull were Miss Jean Scott, Perth County; Miss Florence Arnold, Lambton, Essex and Kent Counties, and Miss Leslie Wall, Oxford and Norfolk Counties.

The morning program included judging of blouses and charts by the girls and a test on choosing colors for a wardrobe followed by a discussion of the classes by the Home Economists.

In the afternoon W. I. members, mothers and guests were welcomed by Miss Turnbull who began the program with a few comments on the blouses which the girls had made during the project.

Comments on the club exhibits were given by one girl from each club. Central Elgin Junior Institute, Talbotville, Aylmer and North Yarmouth groups presented exhibits on "A Well-Planned Costume for a Certain Occasion" and commentators were Rosalie Pad-

don, Eleanor Parker, Donna-Rae Prong, and Elaine Swanson respectively. June Eatough commented on the Payne's Mills exhibit entitled "Good Lines For One Type of Figure."

Miss Turnbull gave a few comments on the record books, and costume and wardrobe charts, and Miss Florence Arnold spoke briefly on the club exhibits as a whole.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presentation of skits and demonstrations by eight of the 13 clubs represented. Iona Station, Dutton and Middlemarch presented demonstrations on "How to Plan a Wardrobe." "What Colors Should I Wear?" was the topic for Lyons and Lakeview. Sparta and Shedden chose "A Planned Shopping Trip" as their topic and Cowal gave a demonstration on "Lines to Suit the Figure." Miss Jean Scott gave a brief commentary on the girls' efforts.

The presentation of certificates, provincial honors and county honors was a special feature of Achievement Day this time, as a record of 105 girls completed the course. Seven of the clubs had one hundred percent completion.

Four girls who received provincial honors pins and certificates were Miss Donna-Rae Prong,

Aylmer; Mrs. Betty-Lou Tillotson, Aylmer; Miss Gladys Bennett, Cowal; and Mrs. Rose Marie McCallum, Cowal. Mrs. Stanley Lyle, president of the West Elgin Women's Institutes, made the presentations. Provincial honors are given for the completion of 12 projects.

County honor pins and certificates for the completion of six club projects, were awarded by Mrs. George Blythe, East Elgin W. I. president, to Miss Rosalie Paddon, Central Elgin; Miss Eileen Jewell, Cowal; Miss Mary McPherson, Iona Station; Miss Joan Burwell, Lakeview; Miss Rowena Robbins, Shedden; and Miss Isobel Brown, Shdden. Miss Turnbull awarded certificates of achievement which are presented for the completion of two projects.

Winners of the latter were as follows: Donna-Rae Prong, Mrs. Betty-Lou Tillotson, Aylmer; Mary Olde, Pauline Shelley, Claire Young, Mrs. Wilma Armstrong, Rosalie Paddon, Gladys Little, Central Elgin; Margaret Murray, Alice Campbell, Anne Patterson, Eileen Jewell, Mrs. Rose Marie McCallum, Maribel McCallum, Gladys Bennett, Cowal; Judy Hull, Carolyn Reeves, Joan Hodder, Geraldine Hoglund, Dutton; Mary McPherson, Marilyn Pearce, Beverley Breen, Iona Station; Roberta Blythe, Muriel Brown, Joan Burwell, Lakeview; Donna Martin, Geraldine Brackenbury, Beverley Irish, Lyons; Josephine Curtis, Ann Curtis, Patsy Carroll, Aileen McLeod, Middlemarch; Susanne Blewett, Karen Shore, Margaret Roberts, North Yarmouth; Mary Orchard, Rowena Robbins, Ada Jean Wride, Isobel Brown, Isabel Campbell, Shedden; Agnes Player, Noreen Beaupre, Patricia Arthur, Marlene Oille and Marja Tensen, Sparta.

The afternoon concluded with the modelling of blouses by each of the girls and the presentation of silver teaspoons by Miss Yvonne Patterson on behalf of the Elgin County Junior Institutes and Junior Farmers.

Eleanor
Parker.

Dated May 30, 1952.

The Salada Tea Company of Canada presents to the Talbotville Women's Institute, winner of the Salada Quilt Competition for West Elgin District, the prize of ten dollars.



The Story of a Quilt.

"Trellis Symphony."

April 29th, 1953.



The quilt "Trellis Symphony". - Mrs. Harold Clarke.
in background.

This is the story of a quilt-making project carried out by members of the Talbotville Women's Institute branch in year 1952.

Early in year 1952, the Executives of East and West Elgin W.I. decided to raise funds to establish a scholarship in connection with Elgin Centennial year celebration. (1952), to be known as Elgin Centennial Women's Institute Scholarship Fund.

To assist in raising the funds, each branch was asked to make a quilt of original design to be exhibited and sold during Centennial Week, Aug 3-10, 1952.

Talbotville W.I. branch appointed a quilt committee, composed of Mrs. Harold Clarke (convener), Mrs. A. E. Thomas, Mrs. C. Bawtenheimer, Mrs. Roy Turner.

Mrs. C. Bawtenheimer created an original design, which was named "Trellis Symphony."

The Story of a Quilt. (continued).

April 29th, 1953.



"Trellis Symphony" quilt - Mrs. W. Goold, Mrs. J. R. Auckland (continued).

It was embroidered and quilted by members of Talbotville W.I., and quilting was completed in April, 1952, at home of Mrs. Harold Clarke.

Along with the many beautiful quilts, made by other W.I.'s of Elgin Co., it was on exhibition at Anderson's store, St. Thomas, Ont. and also displayed in their show-window, and much admired during Centennial week, Aug. 3-10, 1952.

Many quilts were sold, but Talbotville chose to make a cash donation equal to value of quilt, and to keep it for another purpose.

It was entered in the Salada Tea Competition for Quilts, held in 1952, but not a prize winner. (Toronto)

It was first shown at West Elgin W.I. convention on Apr. 29th, 1952, and awarded 1st Prize (\$8.00) for the West Elgin District. Judge - Mrs. Mabel Stilwell, St. Thomas.

It was later sent to Toronto, Ont. for Provincial Judging by Salada Tea Co. in November, but did not receive a prize, at that judging.

Later, it was returned to Talbotville W.I., shown at Area Convention in London, Ont. O., 1952, and later sold on April 1st, 1953, and went to Hamilton, Ont.

St. Thomas and Elgin Centennial Celebration,
 Aug. 3rd to Aug. 10th, 1952. - Talbotville W.I. members
 served Afternoon Tea, during Centennial quilt display.



Mrs. C. Pangborn, Mrs. J.R.
 Auckland, Mrs. W. Goold.
 Mrs. A.E. Thomas.
 Mrs. F. Helkaa.



Mrs. J.R. Auckland.
 Mrs. Walter Goold.
 Mrs. Fred. Helkaa.
 Mrs. A.E. Thomas.



Mrs. Harold Clarke
 Mrs. Alice E. Thomas.



Mrs. C. Pangborn, Mrs. J.R. Auckland.
 Mrs. F. Helkaa, Mrs. W. Goold.
 Mrs. A.E. Thomas, Mrs. H. Clarke.

These members of Talbotville W.I., dressed in old-time
 costume, served afternoon tea on _____, Aug. _____, 1952, during
 display of Centennial quilts, in Anderson's Tea-room, St. Thomas, Ont.