



Coronation Tea

At Talbotville

Wed April 29-53

Delightful Event Held on Twenty-

Sixth Birthday of Institute

TALBOTVILLE — The many guests who called at the Coronation Tea of the Talbotville Women's Institute were delighted with the colorful and impressive setting of Coronation design which greeted them as they entered the Church School Hall at Talbotville, Ont.

An imposing illuminated regal crown at the front of the room with background of drapery in royal colors was the centre of the plan of design. The theme of the coming coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was carried out throughout the room, with a beautiful picture of the Queen and her consort displayed. Soft lights and quiet music added to the scene.

Each guest was presented with a souvenir of the Coronation Tea, hand made by members of the local Women's Institute. The decoration plan was designed by Mrs.

Fred Helkaa and her helpers. A beautiful spring day favored the occasion with warm sunshine and balmy breezes without, and the afternoon was an opportunity for happy reunion and visiting for many old friends.

Receiving the many guests were the past president, Mrs. William Busch, and incoming president, Mrs. Walter Goold, assisted by Mrs. John McCormick, of St. Thomas, and Mrs. Estella Waite, of London, Ont. Mrs. Harvey French and Mrs. James Travers presided at the registration table, which was covered with the beautiful English luncheon cloth of rose and maple leaf design, a gift from the sister W.I. in Wareham, Dorset, England.

About one hundred and twenty-five guests called, including friends from London, St. Thomas, Shedden, Frome, Cowal, Paynes' Mills, Middlemarch, Boxall, Union, North Yarmouth, Tempo, Sandymount, Wellington Road North, River Road, and Central Yarmouth, as well as friends from the local community. Music for the occasion was provided by Mrs. Ralph Auckland and Mrs. Fred Helkaa.

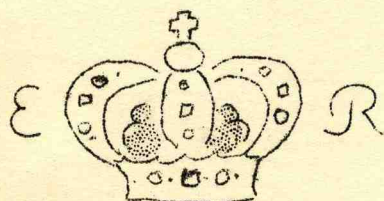
An interesting caller during the afternoon was Miss Nancy Fleming, of Aberdeen, Scotland, a member of the Scottish Association for Young Farmers, who is spending three months touring Ontario as guest of the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association, and is at present in St. Thomas. She was accompanied by Miss Agnes Turnbull, Home Economist for Elgin and Middlesex Counties, and was pleased to meet new Canadian friends of the W.I.

The tea table was lovely with a linen cloth, centred with a floral design in shades of yellow, including gladioli, daffodils and roses, flanked by crystal candelabra with lighted, soft, yellow tapers.

Small tables were arranged throughout the room, and guests were invited to tea by Mrs. A. E. Thomas and Mrs. Harold Stuart, and were served by a bevy of young ladies, including Mrs. Charles Chute, Mrs. Elmer Auckland, Mrs. W. Young, Mrs. T. E. Etheridge, Mrs. T. Helkaa, Mrs. Don Stuart, Miss Leah Stuart, Mrs. Ralph Auckland, Mrs. Gilbert McCallum, Mrs. Walter Goold. Tea room arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Harold Clarke, Mrs. Walter Goold, Mrs. Elmer Auckland, Mrs. Charles Pangborn, and Mrs. Clarence Bawtenheimer, who were assisted by Mrs. J. R. Gunning, Mrs. Roy Sommers, Mrs. Frank Auckland, Mrs. Howard Thomas.

Those pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs. John McCormick, St. Thomas; Mrs. George Powles, St. Thomas; Mrs. R. Young, Central Yarmouth; Mrs. Clayton Axford, South Yarmouth; Mrs. B. Jones, Boxall; Mrs. Morley Adams, Payne's Mills; Mrs. Ralph Heydon, North Yarmouth; Mrs. William Busch, Talbotville.

In the bazaar section, articles were sold by: Home baking, Mrs. W. L. Auckland, Mrs. R. T. Wallis; candy, Mrs. J. R. Auckland; aprons, Mrs. Frank Henderson, Mrs. Roy Turner; novelties, Miss N. Auckland, Mrs. William Dodd, Mrs. William McKinnon, Mrs. Charles Chute; plants and bulbs, Mrs. Victor Martyn, Mrs. R. Sommers; fish pond, Mrs. C. Dobbie. This pleasing social event was held on the 26th birthday of the founding of this branch of the W.I., which was organized on April 29, 1927.



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The members of

Talbotville Women's Institute

cordially invite you and your

friends to attend their

CORONATION TEA

in Talbotville Church Hall, on Wednesday, April 29th, 1953.

from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M.

Aprons Novelties Home Baking

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Southwold Story

Thurs Aug 3
"Bushel for Bushel," Concerning Neil McAlpine, Who Saved the Settlement, Is Not New, But Is Worth Retelling.

A story of early life in the Talbot settlement that The Times-Journal likes to re-print from time to time is the one concerning Neil McAlpine of Fingal, who saved a goodly part of the settlement when it was threatened with famine. With the township of Southwold observing the centennial of its establishment as a separate municipality on Sunday next at Selldon, it is most fitting that it should be retold this week.

Neil McAlpine was one of the early settlers in the neighborhood of Fingal. Being a man of means he farmed somewhat extensively for those days, and when market prices did not suit him he was in a position to hold his products until another season. One year the frost killed all the wheat in the Talbot settlement. Neil McAlpine had three thousand bushels stored in his granaries. At first he exulted in the prospect of selling his wheat profitably, but one day when he was in St. Thomas he suddenly saw matters in a new light. Word was brought to him that the local miller wished to see him. When McAlpine went to the mill the miller said:

"You have some wheat, haven't you?"

"I have three thousand bushels."

The miller then made him an offer which startled McAlpine.

"Why?" he exclaimed, "that is more than you can get for it after it has been ground into flour. What are you going to do with this wheat?"

"I am going to sell it for seed grain to the settlers."

It dawned on Neil McAlpine what that would mean, and as he told about it afterwards he said that the cold sweat broke out on him. His grain might be used to extort blood-money from the struggling settlers who were threatened by the menace of famine. His mind was made up at once. He hurried home and developed his plan. The next day being the Sabbath, and he being an elder in the kirk, he dressed and went to the church in Fingal early. Standing beside the gate he whispered to each pioneer as he passed through: "You can get seed grain at my place—bushel for bushel. For each bushel you take at seed time you will bring me back a bushel after harvest."

He made this offer to every member of the Presbyterian church. When he went home after the service he remembered that he had made his offer only to the Presbyterians. In the settlement there were many people belonging to other churches, so he put his sons on horseback and sent them to the others—to the Baptists, Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists. A young man stood by the gate of each church and whispered to the worshippers as they entered:

"You can get seed grain from my father — bushel for bushel. For each bushel you take away now you will bring back a bushel after harvest."

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On Monday morning the settlers thronged to Neil McAlpine's. The boys were in the granary measuring out the wheat and filling the bags, and as each settler with his precious store of seed grain came past the house Neil McAlpine (he was called Captain Storms) would hold up his cane and ask:

"How many bushels?"

When they told him the amount he would add:

"Remember now, bushel for bushel. For every bushel you are taking you are to bring me back a bushel after harvest."

For three days the procession passed Neil McAlpine's door to the granary and back until all the grain was distributed and every family in the settlement had seed-wheat. This great-souled act, accomplished the good man's purpose, and to this day there are old people in the neighborhood of Fingal who date pioneer events by saying:

"It happened so many years before or after Neil McAlpine saved the settlement."

Col. Talbot's Tomb Found Tampered With

Curio seekers have been tampering with the tomb of Col. Thomas Talbot at Tyrconnell, Deputy Reeve Garnet Speers, of Port Stanley, told the Elgin County Council Wednesday morning.

Deputy Reeve Speers and Dunwich Township Reeve L. Holland constitute a special Council committee concerned with the preservation of Col. Talbot's burial site in historic St. Peter's Cemetery. Col. Talbot founded the Talbot Settlement of which Elgin County was the central area.

The burial plot is in a well tended cemetery. Council is especially interested in the maintenance of the tomb, which is of great interest to those familiar with Canadian history. Deputy Reeve Speers believes Elgin County should assist in the maintenance of the Talbot plot.

Regarding the attempts made by unknown persons to open the tomb and peer inside the tomb, Reeve Speers said he had been informed that entry had been attempted by trying to pry up the heavy stone slab lid. He told Council he believes three bronze bands should be installed to make certain the engraved lid is securely fastened to the walls of the tomb.

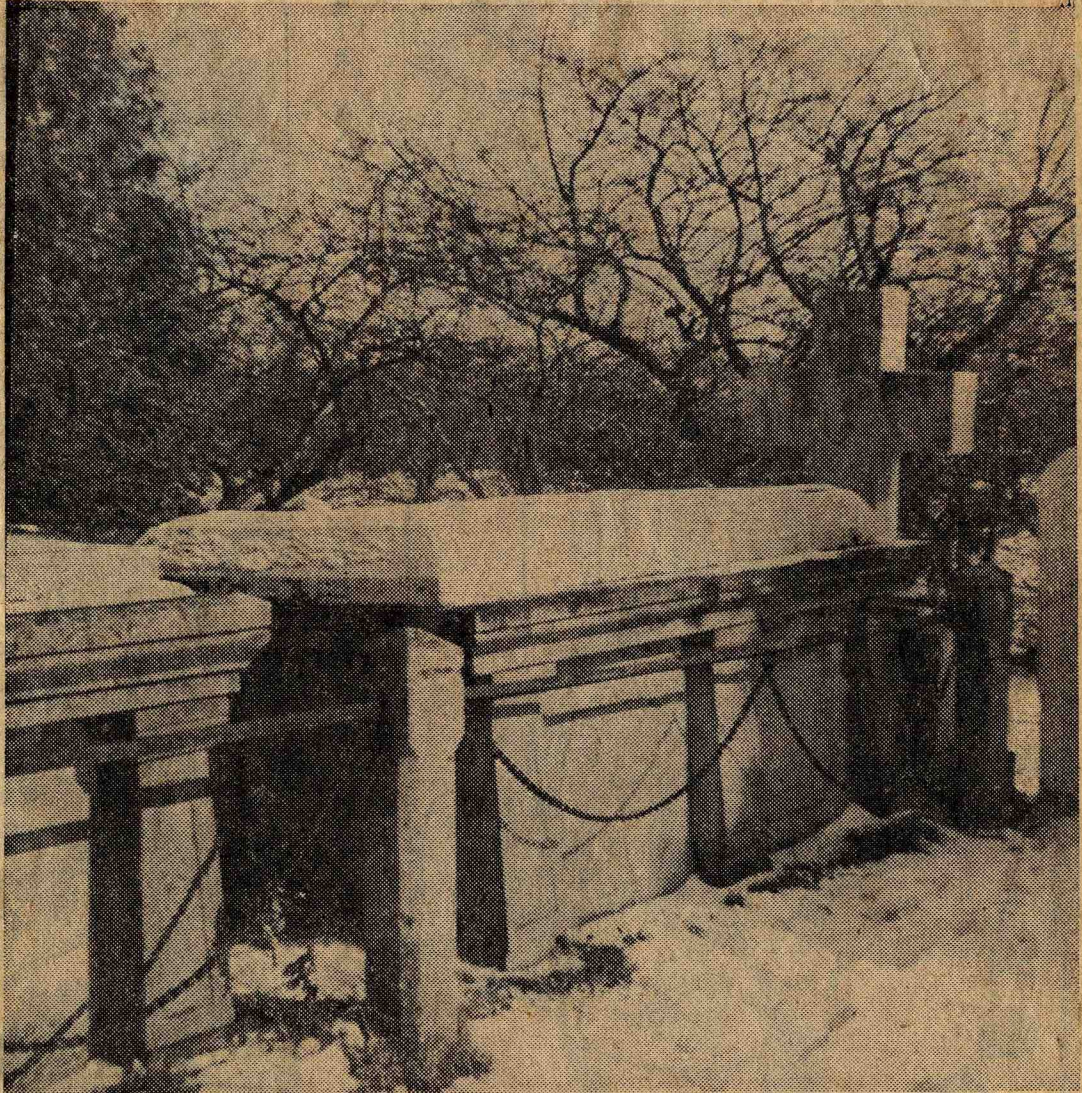
Council directed that the committee should bring in a report at the June session. This would give members further opportunity to discuss the subject with members of the cemetery board.

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Elgin Residents Forget Talbot?



All but forgotten in this hurried age is the passing of Col. Thomas Talbot, who died 101 years ago today. His snow enshrouded tomb is situated in the well-kept village burial ground. Although the colonel's name is perpetuated in many streets of Western Ontario cities, towns, and villages, in winding Talbot Creek, and in the names of Talbotville and St. Thomas, possibly no one paused to honor his memory.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1954—

Came May 21st. 1803 — D. Feb. 6th. 1853,

The Early History of Bowlby and Boughner Families.

United Empire Loyalists.

who came from United States.

1790 Bowlby family came from New York. ^{1874.} state

1792 Boughner family came from New Jersey. ^{1879.}

The two families became united by marriage, and have many descendants in Talbotville district and elsewhere.

The following history was contributed and read by Mrs. James Gunning (Pearl Bowlby) at Women's Institute meeting at home of home of Mrs. Frank Henderson, Talbotville, Ont.

1952.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BOWLBY AND BOUGHNERS

The Bowlbys from which the Talbotville families descended, came to Simcoe in Norfolk county in 1784. Whether they came as one family or several families is not known. They were United Empire Loyalists, and came to Canada from New York State. The first definite knowledge of the family is of four brothers David, James, Isaac, and Samuel.

James, the second oldest of these, was born in 1786. He married, but the name of his wife is not known other than that her first name was Mary. This couple raised a large family consisting of eight boys, John, William, Joseph, Daniel, Alexander, Samuel, Edward, and Jacob, and three girls, Janet, Rachel, and Charity. All members of the family excepting Jacob grew up and married.

Five years after the Bowlbys came to Simcoe, Four brothers, Henry, John, Matthias, and Martin ~~Boughner~~^{1824/1792} arrived in Canada from New Jersey. They, also, were United Empire Loyalists. A few years after moving to Canada, Matthias Boughner came to Long Point settlement where he took up land in Windham township. His family consisted of six sons, Peter, John, Matthias, Alexander, Martin, and Joseph, and four daughters. The sons settled near their father's homestead where they occupied about eight hundred acres. These sons all married and had large families.

John Boughner and his family later moved to Southwold township, and was followed by his brother, Peter. Peter had several sons of which Matthias, Daniel, Abraham, and Sidney took up land near Talbotville.

About this time, James Bowlby, now an old man, moved into the Talbotville neighborhood and settled on lot 46, E.N.B.T.R., the 200 acres now owned by John Longhurst. His son, Daniel, took up the 200 acres of lot 42, now owned by James Gunning. Daniel Boughner lived on the 200

of lot 45, just south of the sideroad now owned by L. B. White and James Brokenshire. John Boughner took up 200 acres north of the sideroad where Joe Auckland now lives, and Matthias Boughner took up the 200 acres immediately north of James Bowlby. James Bowlby later divided his farm between his two sons, Alexander and Samuel.

The union between the Bowlby and Boughner families occurred when Samuel Bowlby married Sarah Boughner, the sister of Daniel, Matthias, Abraham, and Sidney. Abraham and Sidney took over the farm of John Boughner

Samuel Bowlby and his bride Sarah were married on August 10, 1841. They had eleven children among which were three sets of twins, and six of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Five of the six were boys. Of the five boys, Edward Henry and William remained in Southwold, James moved to Metcalfe township in Middlesex county. Nathaniel moved to St. Thomas, and Emanuel lived in the United States. The only daughter, Ursula, also lived in the United States.

Samuel Bowlby married Lucinda Smith after the death of his first wife, Sarah, in 1868. Two children were born, a daughter, Mary and a son, Horton.

Edward Henry Bowlby, born in 1847, married Betsy Sutton. They had three daughters, Sarah Jane, Elsie May, and Pearl. Sarah Jane married John W. Barnes and lived in Southwold just south of Talbotville. Elsie May married Frank Ackford and lived in Michigan until the death of her husband, when she came to St. Thomas. Both these women and their husbands are now dead. Pearl, the youngest daughter, married James Gunning, and resides just north of Talbotville.

William Bowlby married Margaret Smith. One daughter, Mary, was born. She married Arthur Huntley ^{who} and died at an early age. One small