

**ABLE SEAMAN GEORGE
WILLIAM PROCUNIER**

Son of Mrs. Procunier and the late Dr. Wm. E. Procunier, came to Bayham with his parents in 1929, and lived near Richmond. In 1931, he went to Newfoundland and returned to Bayham in 1941. He attended Aylmer High School and St. Thomas Collegiate. He enlisted in the Canadian Navy in Sept. 1943. He received naval training at H.M.C.S. Prevost, in London, Ont., and at Cornwallis, N.S. He went overseas in Dec. 1944. On V-E Day he was in board H.M.C.S. Metane, with a convoy off the coast of Norway, bound for Murmansk. At that time, fifteen German submarines surrendered to the Commander of the group of Canadian Frigates and they with the submarines, returned to Scotland. He volunteered for service in the Pacific. At present he is on leave, visiting his mother and brother, who reside at 64 Kains St., St. Thomas, and from there will go to Vancouver, B.C.



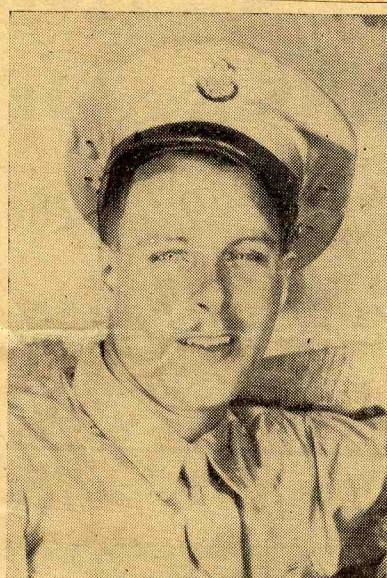
**LIEUT. JAMES LAWRENCE
LAING**

Son of Mrs. Laing and the late C. Lorne Laing, was born in Richmond, and attended Richmond Public School and Aylmer High School. He is a graduate Metallurgical Engineer of the University of Ann Arbor, Mich. He enlisted in the Army in 1942, while in Ottawa, where he had been for two years an airplane inspector. He received his commission as 1st Lieut. at Brockville, and was given further military training at London and at Kingston. He went overseas in November 1943, and was stationed on the Isle of Wight with the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bds. W/S. R.C.E.M.E. On June 15th, he went with the Canadian Army into Normandy and served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in Germany he was in one of the large concentration camps where he saw the terrible fate of many prisoners. After V-E Day Lieut. Laing, with his unit was stationed at Wilhelmshaven in Germany. Later he was transferred to the 7th Cdn. R.E.C.C.E. Regt. and at present he is located near Utrecht, in Holland. His wife is the former Vera Crummond, of Newcastle, N.B.



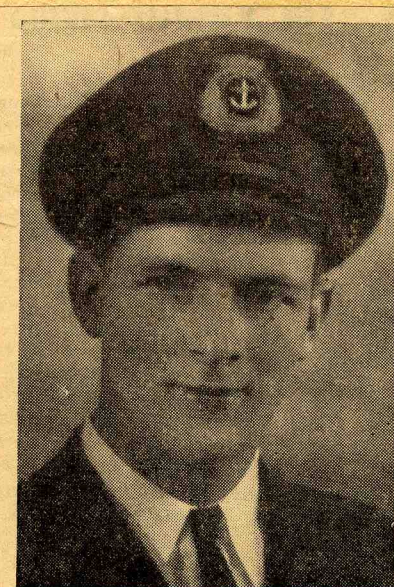
**FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT
WILLIAM W. GODBY**

Was born on the Riddell farm near Richmond, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Godby. He attended the Richmond Public School and is a graduate of the Aylmer High School. He enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in September 1939. He received his Wings at Kingston, after which he became an instructor in the R.C.A.F. at Brantford. Later he was moved to Pendleton and commissioned as Pilot Officer, and promoted to Flying Officer. He was transferred to the Bahamas where he made round trips by plane from the Bahamas to Africa. Later he was sent to Comox, B.C., where he was promoted to the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. He has received a decoration, with the King's Commendation, which was presented by Canada's Minister of Defence for Air. At present he is instructing at No. 10 O.T.U., Comox, B.C.



SGT. MERRITT SIZE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orloff Size, of St. Thomas. He attended the Richmond Public School while living with his grandmother, Mrs. A. Size. He enlisted in November 1943, and received his military training at Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, and was in South America. Owing to illness he was honorably discharged in April 1945.



STOKER BEECH I. BAKER

Son of Mrs. Baker, of Richmond. He enlisted in the H.L.I. at Galt in 1934. He was transferred to the Merchant Navy where he received his training at 'St. Margaret's' Training School in Halifax. He took an Apprentice Course in Montreal, and later received his "third mate" Officer rating. He is now sailing aboard the "Stanley Park" on a voyage to France.

Red Cross from Maher's 1940



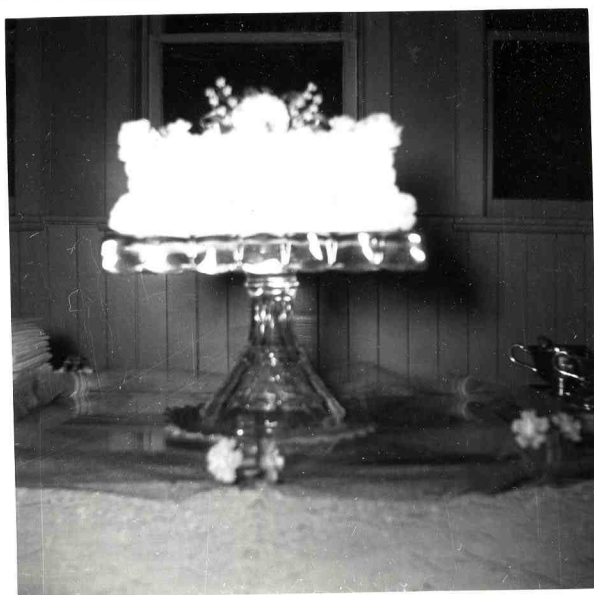
October 10, 1940.

Left to Right
standing
Mrs Carl
Stevens,
Mrs Arthur
Benner,
Mrs Archie
Sitts,
Mrs Leon
Carter,
Mrs Sanford
Hodgkin,
Mrs Vora
Brown,
Mrs Stanley
Cott,

Front row
Miss Bessie
Sitts,
Miss Verna
Sitts.

Taken on
Thursday
October 10, 1940.
at the home
of Mrs. Arthur
Benner President
of the the
Bayham
Institute

Cakes for 55th W. I.
Anniversary Nov. 13/62.



1961 10 years old
ROSE GORDON.
Our adopted girl at
the Caribbean Christian
Centre for the Deaf & her
teachers. Knockpatrick P.O.
Box 14. Jamaica.
West Indies.





Mrs Geo Orton Mrs H.L. Godwin Mrs C.L. Laing Life members

Women's Institute Life Members.

Mrs. George Orton

Mrs. C.L. Laing

Mrs. H. L. Godwin.

Many Participate In Anniversary Of Bayham W.I.

RICHMOND — A half Century of service to the community was reviewed when members of the Bayham Women's Institute observed their 50th Anniversary held in the Richmond United Church on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The Church was nicely decorated with pots of 'mums trimmed in the Institute colors of Blue and Gold. The president, Mrs. Jesse Van Patter greeted the guests at the door while Mrs. Arthur Benner and Mrs. Leon Carter looked after the Guest Book and registration of guests.

The meeting was opened by all singing the Institute Ode with Mrs. Horace Hague as pianist, followed by all repeating "Mary Stewart Collect" in unison. The Secretary Mrs. G. N. Roloson had charge of the Roll Call. The different Institutes in East Elgin had all been invited and were asked to stand as their names were called. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Ward Benner. The names of all the past presidents and secretaries were called and as each one came forward a beautiful corsage of Sweetheart roses and 'mums were pinned on by the president who then read a suitable poem before they took their seats. The past presidents and secretary unable to attend were Mrs. Odber McGregor, Mrs. H. J. Hart and Mrs. Mabel Crawford, all of Aylmer. During the afternoon two quartettes were sung by Mrs. H. L. Godwin, Mrs. Medford Johnson, Mrs. Percy Green and Mrs. Leonard Simpson accompanied at the piano by Mrs. James Fuller, also a duet by Mrs. Godwin and Mrs. Johnson accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Percy Green.

Mrs. S. B. Simpson one of our members who now resides at Tillsonburg gave a very full history of the Institutes and all the work they had done during the last fifty years, her mother Mrs. D. Finch of Maple organized the Institute along with many others fifty years ago.

Mrs. H. L. Godwin one of the Charter Members and also a Life Member was presented by the president with a beautiful "Iridescent" pin and matching ear rings. Mrs. Arthur Benner presented Mrs. Von Brown and her sister Mrs. Wm. Berdan with Life Membership certificates and Pins. Mrs. Brown had served as both President and Secretary and Mrs. Berdan had served as secretary seventeen years. These members were all taken by surprise but made suitable replies of thanks.

A minute of silence was then observed by all standing in memory of the members who had passed away.

Mrs. J. V. Capling of Eden was presented with a gift for being the fiftieth guest to register. Mrs. Henry Yeandle, Princeton, a former member received the gift for coming the farthest distance.

Another high-light of the afternoon was the planting of a tree "The New Sunburst Thornless Locust" on the church property commemorating 50 years of service in the community. Mrs. H. L. Godwin turned the sod for the planting and Mrs. A. M. Manson wife of the Minister of the church accepted the tree on behalf of the congregation.

Everyone adjourned to the basement of the church for lunch where Institute colors gave a bright touch of color to the setting of the attractive tea table covered with a lovely lace cloth, with crystal holders with tall Gold candles with Royal Blue trimmings, centered with a beautiful trimmed three layer anniversary cake.

At the tea table pouring tea were Mrs. H. L. Godwin who wore a costume of fifty years ago and Mrs. Reg. Young of St. Thomas, president of the East Elgin Institutes. The guests sat around nicely decorated tables to enjoy their lunch while renewing friendships. Also was a past president and secretary table where they enjoyed lunch together, including Mrs. Leslie High, Aylmer; Mrs. Von Brown, Mrs. G. N. Roloson, Mrs. S. B. Simpson, Mrs. Ward Benner, Mrs. Arthur Benner, Mrs. Leon Carter, Mrs. Elton Jackson, Mrs. Jesse Van Patter, Mrs. W. V. Pressey, Mrs. Wm. Berdan, Mrs. Wray Miller and Mrs. James Fuller, also Mrs. Earl Bagnall of Lyons past president of East Elgin Institutes and a Provincial Board member. Mrs. Godwin and Mrs. Van Patter cut the Anniversary cake.

The Tweedsmuir History Book which contained the history of the Institute, and the history of most of the pioneer farms and also pictures of the homes in the community, and school children, and many other interesting pictures, has been completed up to date was on display upstairs in the church.

The beautiful "mums" which decorated the church were given to Miss Minnie Pound, a former mem-

ber, and to Mrs. Odber McGregor of Aylmer who was a past president and confined to the house and to Mrs. N. H. McConkey also a former member who now reside at Corinth.

At the close of the lunch Mrs. Reg. Young of St. Thomas, President of East Elgin Institutes presented lovely handkerchiefs to Mrs. H. L. Godwin, Mrs. Jesse Van Patter and Mrs. G. N. Roloson.

The Bayham Y.I. has a membership of 90 members this year and they have done a lot of work during the last fifty years and will try to still do plenty of good work in the future.



STANDING LEFT MRS VON BROWN.
MRS WM. BERDAN SEATED MRS.
H.L. GODWIN.



MRS. H.L. GODWIN.
COSTUME FIFTY YEARS

