



Charter Members of Central Yarmouth
Women's Institute.

Left to right: Mrs. George (Alma)
Flintoft, Mrs. Marshall (Dolly)
Field and Mrs. Gowan(Marguerite) Young.
The picture was taken at the 25th
Anniversary of the Branch in September
1973 held at St. Andrew's United Church,
St. Thomas, Ont.



MRS FRANK VANDERVEEN

MRS GOWAN YOUNG

MRS MARSHALL FIELD

MRS. GOWAN YOUNG RECEIVES A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On the night of January 7th 1976 Central Yarmouth W.I. presented, with great pride, a life membership to Mrs. Gowan Young, Margueritè to her fellow members. Mrs. Vanderveen, president of this branch, presented her with the certificate and Mrs. Marshall Field, also a charter member, pinned on the badge, while her daughter, Mrs Claire Dunan as a guest joined us in our congratulations.

Mrs. Young has served all levels of the Women's Institute. Branch, District, Area, Provincial have all received her unfailing devotion and she has given freely of her time to every project. We are fortunate to have her as a member and her wise counsel is always valued.

It was in 1932 that Mrs. Young joined the Women's Institute with the South Yarmouth Branch, held the convenorship of Agriculture and Canadian Industries and served on the executive as 2nd and 1st Vice Presidents. In 1940 at the International Plowing Match, held at Ontario Hospital she served as the cashier.

From 1943 - 1947 Mrs. Young was away from the community but in 1948 returned and became a member of Central Yarmouth Branch when it was organized working her way up to be President, Standing Committee Convenor and a District Director.

For four years at Branch Level she was a 4 H Homemaker Leader and as a matter of fact along with Mrs. Angus Mc Kenzie the first of the Girls' Club named " The Milky Way ". For a year Marguerite was the leader of the Garden Club, then for three years she served as a leader of Central Elgin Junior Institute and later a leader at Senior Leadership Training School.

At the District Level Mrs. Young started off as a representative to The Federation of Agriculture for two years and five years was a member on the Elgin County Farm Safety Council attending three Provincial Conferences at Guelph besides several Zone Conferences. Added to all this she also organized Elgin East Oratorical Contests for six years. In 1953 Marguerite arranged the Elgin County W.I. members' transportation to the A.C.W.W. conference in Toronto. Besides being a District Public Relations Officer, Executive Member, Vice President, President and Past President she served as Elgin County Rally President for two years.

At the Area Level Mrs. Young's offices began with Public Relations then Treasurer for six years, a Provincial Board Director, member of the nominating committee for three years and a delegate for the Area at a number of Educational Conferences. She also served as a leader at Officers' Conference as P.R.O.

At the Provincial Level Marguerite served as Board Director from 1966 - 1969 for the Sub-Division #22 - Elgin East, Elgin West and Oxford South. She spent three years on the Resolutions Committee and one year as Secretary on United Nations Committee. At Officers' Conference she was a Leader as "Member at Large" and in 1967 at Guelph was a voting delegate at F.W.I.C. Convention.

As a general member of the Women's Institute she played an important and active part on the committee which developed and set up the Elgin County Pioneer Museum in 1953 and has held the office of Secretary-Treasurer on that Board since then, a tremendous job in itself. The Museum was opened in April of 1957 enriching the life of the community and Marguerite's continued contribution to this effort has been

outstanding.

The Elgin Manor Auxiliary was also organized by Elgin County Women's Institutes and for five years Marguerite was Treasurer for that organization.

Mrs Gowan Young has been, and is, an insperation to all the members of Central Yarmouth W.I. and we are proud to have her as a Life Member.



Mrs. Dunan

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Vanderveen

Mrs. Field



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — Mrs. Marguerite Young, second from the left, was awarded a life membership in a surprise presentation at the regular monthly meeting of the South Yarmouth Women's Institute held at the St.

Thomas Public Library. Pictured with her from the left are, her daughter, Mrs. Claire Dunan, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Minnie Vanderveen, president, and Mrs. Dolly Field. (T. J. Photo).

Life membership for Central Yarmouth WI member

Central Yarmouth Women's Institute toured the new St. Thomas-Elgin Library on Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Susan Wells, librarian, explained all the services and programs available to city and county residents. Especially important is the information

service on government, clubs, activities, other facts or answers — the staff at the library is willing to help. Mrs. Margaret Kerman, education and cultural activities convener, arranged the tour.

During the business part of the meeting, a life membership

was presented to Mrs. Gowan Young with Mrs. Frank Vanderveen giving her the certificate and Mrs. Marshall Field pinning on her badge. Mrs. Young has been a member of the Women's Institute since 1933 when she joined the South Yarmouth Branch, then becoming a charter member of the Central Yarmouth Branch in 1948. She has served faithfully at Branch, District, Area and Provincial level. Mrs. Young's daughter, Mrs. Mac Dunan was in attendance to see her mother receive this tribute.

The secretary, Mrs. William McCaw read an invitation to attend a Food Forum on February 5, at 8 p.m. in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, on Nutrition and Meal Planning. Mrs. M. Vandenbroek reported on the training school for the 4-H leaders the end of January.

The Winter Picnic for the Elgin East District will be held on February 25, in St. Andrew's United Church hall, St. Thomas, with the hostesses being South Yarmouth, Sparta-Sorosis and Central Yarmouth Branches.

The devotions were given by Mrs. Young on a New Year prayer and the opening meditation by Mrs. Vanderveen, as prepared by Mrs. Frank Bill.

Lunch was served by Mrs. McCaw, Mrs. Robert Axford, Mrs. Bill, and Mrs. Don McKenzie. The next meeting will be held on February 4, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leonard Norman, RR 3, St. Thomas, when the program will be in charge of Mrs. Grace Griffiths, agriculture and Canadian industries convener.



At the first meeting in September, 1979, Central Yarmouth Women's Institute presented a life membership to Mrs. Marshall (Dolly) Field, a charter member. The presentation was made by Mrs. Edward (Grace) Griffiths, president, and Mrs. William (Vivian) McCaw, vice-president.

On September 1, 1948, Dolly Field became a member of Central Yarmouth Women's Institute--the day this Branch was formed. Having lived on the 6th Concession of Yarmouth Township at this time, it seemed fitting to join the group of women who did community work and at the invitation of Mrs. Margaret McKenzie and Mrs. Clara McKenzie became a member.

From April 1949, up to the present time Dolly has been on the executive of this Branch. She has been Agriculture and Canadian Industries convener, telephone caller in 1960-61 (an easy year), 2nd vice-president, treasurer, assistant secretary, secretary-treasurer, public relations officer (12 years in all), 1st vice-president,

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Life membership awarded

Mrs. Marshall Field, left, was presented with her life membership badge and certificate at the regular monthly meeting of the Central Yarmouth Women's Institute held this week. She is a charter member of the club which also celebrated its 31st anni-

versary. Making the presentations were Mrs. Edward Griffiths, centre, president, and Mrs. William McCaw, right, vice-president. The presentation was a surprise to Mrs. Field, doubly so, as the meeting was held at her home. (T-J Photo).

president, District Director, Citizenship and World Affairs convener, Tweedsmuir History Curator. At the District level, she was Public Relations Officer for 5 years, Federation of Representative for 1 year and Tweedsmuir History Curator for 6½ years. On the Elgin County Rally Committee she looked after public relations for 2 years. She has been the alternate representative for 3 years for the Elgin East District W. I. on the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Board and is now the representative.

Throughout the years, many friendships have been made and it has been one of the pleasures in her life belonging to the Women's Institute.

Dolly was born in St. Thomas, to Alexander and Margaret (Armstrong) McCaw, the third eldest of ten children. She married Marshall Field on October 18, 1944, and they have two sons, Larry Douglas and Marshall Bruce. Larry married Mary Anne Knight and they have 3 children, Sean, Jodi and Karen. Bruce married Nicole Verhaverbeke and they have 2 sons, David and Justin. Both boys and their families live in the Toronto area.

Dolly and Marshall have lived at the residence at Pinafore Park for 26 years, since 1956 when Marshall became Parks Superintendent. In January of 1983, they bought a home of their own and moved to 22 Mandeville Road.

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Submitted by Mrs. Marshall(Dolly) Field



Left to right:
Jeanette Walters, Alma
Flintoft and Vivian McCaw

A life membership was presented to Mrs. George (Alma) Flintoft by Central Yarmouth Women's Institute at their December 1980 meeting. Alma is a charter member of the Branch and was its first treasurer. She has been convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries, 2nd vice-president, 1st vice-president, president in 1954-1956, District Director, and Resolutions convener. She has been interested and active in community activities and always willing to help at Elgin Manor Tuck Shop for the Branch.

George and Alma (Munro) Flintoft were married on May 20, 1922, and have lived on their farm at R. R. # 2, St. Thomas, raising a family of 3 daughters and 1 son. Dorothy and Jean live in St. Thomas, while Ruby is near Woodstock and Robert resides on the home farm.

Alma enjoys the fellowship of her friends at the Senior Citizens Club at Union every Wednesday.

Alma Flintoft has been a very faithful and dedicated member of Central Yarmouth W.I. so it was a way to say a sincere "Thank You" when Mrs. Vivian McCaw, president and Mrs. Jeanette Walters, secretary-treasurer presented this life membership.

Mrs. Jamey Campbell, president of Cowal W.I. who entertained Central Yarmouth W.I. in 1979 to a luncheon. Cowal was our twin in West Elgin that year.



Centrepiece supplied by Central Yarmouth W.I. for June 1980 Coffee Break at Elgin County Pioneer Museum.

Indoor gardening display set up by East & West Elgin W.I.'s at 66th London Area Convention in October 1980, at St. Mary's.

