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Clachan W. I. Meeting held at Marg Dickson's home.



2000

Back Row - Kathy Johnston, Louise Long, Doris McIntyre,
 Louise Verhoeven, Alma Johnston, Margaret McDougall,
 Shirley Johnston, Florence McIntyre, Marg Dickson, Phyllis Blain
 2nd row - Madeleine Cross, Joyce Wright, Janet Quinton,
 Marie Spence, Willa Johnston, June Purcell
 On floor - Hilda Morden, Jill Morden



Spring
Card
Party
2000



♀

Daffodil
Tea
2000





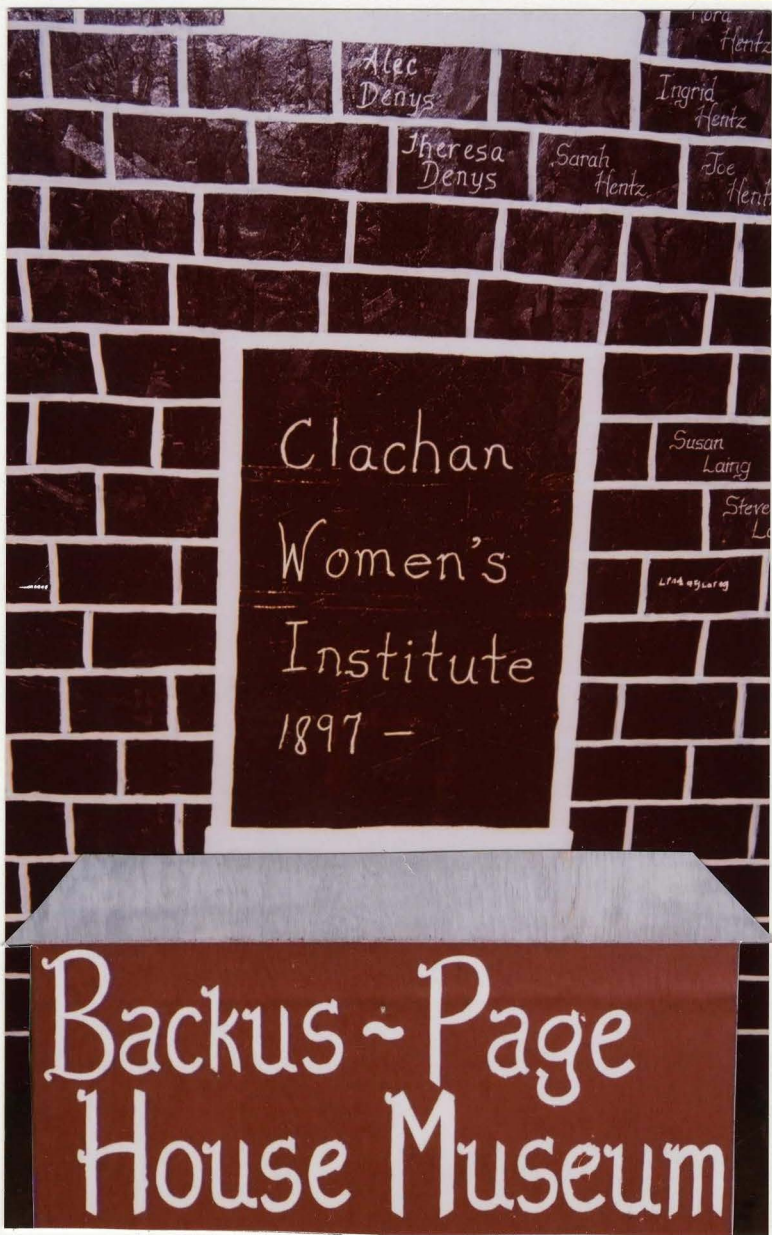
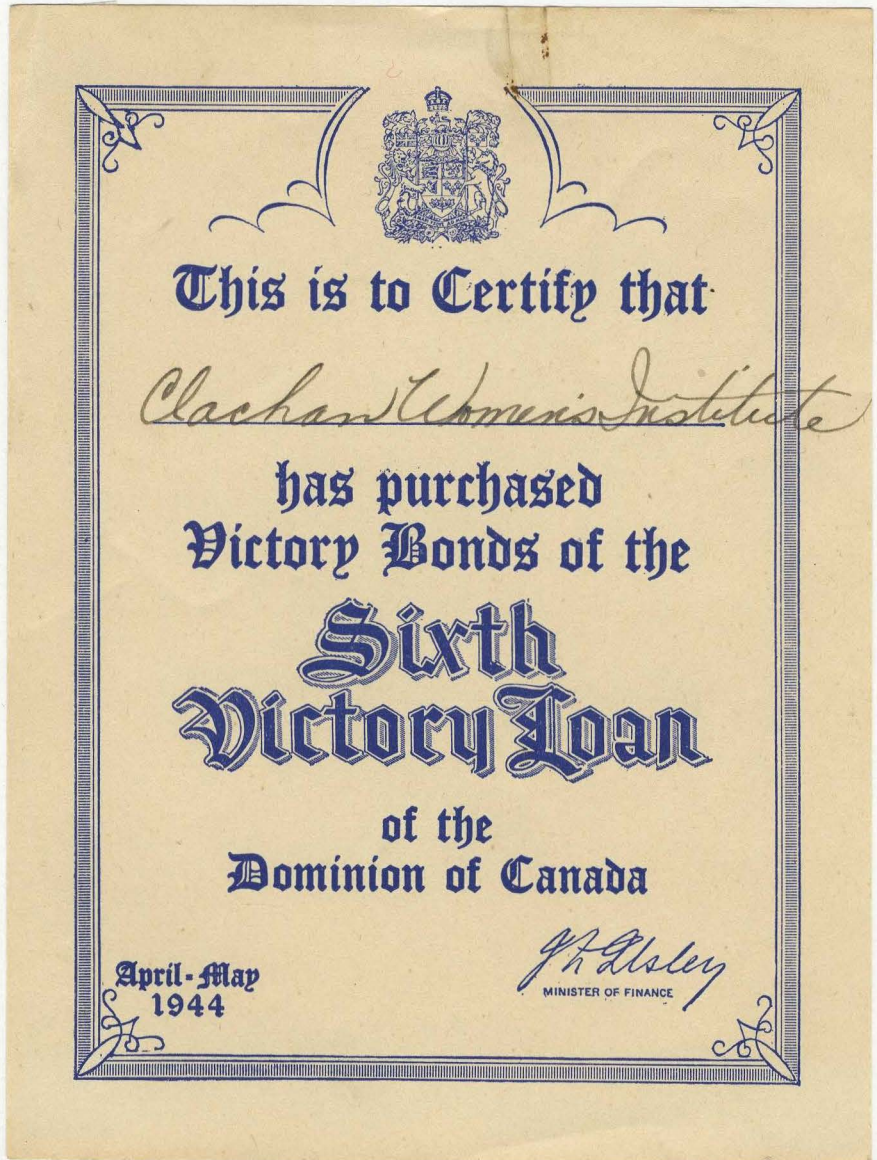
1996



- Eleanor Clark McMillan
- Willa Johnston
- Pauline Lindsay
- Jean Palmer
- Lois Woolner



- Clachan Hall
- Florence McIntyre
 - Kathy Johnston
 - Betty Purcell
 - Willa Johnston
 - Louise Verhoeven
 - Lois Woolner



September, 1999
Held meeting
and
bought a brick



Institute Rose - July 1996 - at Louise Long's home.



4-H Awards

Pres. Betty Johnston
Cora Beth Deyle
26 clubs,
Marcy Ford
18 clubs



4-H Members

- ① Devon Johnston
- ② Sarah Johnston

W.I. at Lois Woolner's home - Jan. 2002



Louise Long - Lois Woolner



Elizabeth Sebastione - Norma Mann



4H Awards: President Betty Johnston, Roberta Ford, Jackie Fleming
Janneke Fleuren, Isle Fleuren

CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1914 - 2002

The history of the Clachan Women's Institute started January 29, 1914 when the West Elgin Department of Agriculture district representative, Mr. Charles Buchanan came to address the farmers while Miss B. Gilholm of Bright spoke to the ladies. As a result of this meeting, the Clachan ladies began to organize a Branch of the Women's Institute. The W.I. from Highgate came the following week and conducted a regular meeting to help the Clachan ladies get started.

Mrs. J.H. Tristain became the first President of Clachan Women's Institute. Then followed Mrs. H. Meyer, Mrs. P.L. Ashton, Mrs. J.L. Wright, Mrs. A. Johnston, Mrs. G. Wood, Mrs. R.J. Spence, Mrs. F. Johnston, Mrs. H.H. Johnston, Mrs. A. Griffith, Mrs. G. Woolner, Mrs. M. Leitch, Mrs. G. Long, Mrs. Harold Johnston, Mrs. Edgar Ashton, Mrs. Alice Paton, Mrs. Jim Purcell, Mrs. Gordon Teare, Mrs. Allan Woolner, Mrs. Beulah McWilliams, Mrs. Elgin McIntyre, Mrs. Ron Alderton, Mrs. Nelson Johnston, Mrs. Earl Morden, Mrs. Roy Alderton, Mrs. Ted Johnston, Mrs. Leo Cross and Mrs. Bob ~~Betty~~ Johnston.

The Secretary - Treasurers who served were Cassie McLarty, Lena Ashton, Jessie Colquhoun, Miss F. Johnston, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Frances Johnston, Mrs. A. E. Johnston, Mrs. W. Turk, Mrs. Gordon Woolner, Mrs. John Purcell, Mrs. A. E. Colquhoun, Mrs. C. McWilliams, Mrs. Ruth Johnston, Mrs. Alice Paton, Mrs. Neil McPhail, Mrs. Ted Johnston, Mrs. Nelson Johnston, Mrs. Elgin McIntyre, Mrs. Ken Okolison, Mrs. Earl Morden, Mrs. Roy Alderton, Mrs. Gordon Teare, Mrs. Jim Verhoeven, Ms. Julie Morden, Mrs. Marion Fleming, Mrs. Betty Johnston, Mrs. Christine Johnston and Mrs. Doris McIntyre.

At the time, members learned about the Red Cross as World War I had broken out, and supplied much comfort with their knitting, quilting, parcels and letters to the

I remember about mail The next meeting is April

March, 2003

2003-2004 Clachan Women's Institute Slate of Officers

Past President	Florence McIntyre	695-5891
President		
Vice President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Assistant Secretary	Louise Verhoeven	693-4326
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Education Coordinator		
Branch Directors	Margaret McDougall	678-3647
	Alma Johnston	287-3298
	Joyce Wright	693-4364
Lobbying Convenor	Margaret McDougall	678-3647
Tweedsmuir History Curator	Janet Quinton	785-0618
Financial Examiners	Marie Spence	678-3326
	Hilde Morden	785-0745
Flower Committee	June Purcell	693-4240
	Doris McIntyre	693-4634
Representative to Museum	Betty Johnston	785-0848
Pianist	Madeleine Cross	695-5885

soldiers and others who suffered because of the war.

Donations over the years have been given to support many groups including Navy League, hospitals, nursing homes, music festivals, school fairs, fair ambassadors and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The women continue to be active in sponsoring and leading 4H clubs in the Clachan area, Halloween parties for the children, euchre parties in the winter, ~~dances and in~~ environmental cleanup of roadsides, as well as volunteering in areas where needed, and sharing in the joys and sorrows of the local community, serving meals for funerals, putting on showers for newlyweds and cancer teas to name a few.

The Tweedsmuir History of Clachan Community was started about 1950 by Miss Bell Taylor whose first home was originally owned by James Fleming, Elgin's first white settler. We continue to collect farm histories along with the pictures of genealogical records of current members, their homes and records of Golden Weddings.

Long time member, Hilde Morden has been awarded the Ontario Bicentennial Medal in 1984, O.M.A.F. Centennial Award in 1988 and the Women's Institute Certificate of Merit in 1991. On June 8, 1997, she was inducted into the Elgin County Agriculture Hall of Fame for her service at the many levels of Women's Institute in Canada.

Member Shirley Johnston attended A.C.W.W. Conference on May 20-27 in Kilarney Ireland.

Mrs. Doris McIntyre 83, is our longest serving member-59 years.

These are Clachan W.I. Members, Then and Now!

Clachan WI study Tweedsmuir

The Clachan Women's Institute met at the home of Janet Quinton on March 24.

A reading was given by Marie Spence.

Roll call was "something I remember about mail

delivery."

The program was run by Janet Quinton on Tweedsmuir history.

Marie gave an interesting talk of her trip to Malta.

The next meeting is April

28 with dinner at Lyn's and back to the home of Louise Verhoeven for the annual meeting.

Members, please remember to bring your volunteer hours sheet.

March, 2003

Members of Clachan Women's Institute of 1916 - picture
previous page.

1st Row - Kathleen Downie (Trestain), Annie Long, Mrs. Hugh
Johnston, Eva Rice, Mary Johnston's Sister, Jessie
Purcell (Downie), Stella Long, Bessie McMillan (Mc
Kate McLean, Tillie Lindsay

2nd Row - Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Henderson and daughter, Jessie
Colquhoun, Ethel Johnston (Sharpe), Mrs. Colquhoun
Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Dougal McLean, Mrs. Mac Purcell,

3rd Row - Mrs. E. J. Purcell, Mrs. Jim Testain, Agnes Doyle,
Mrs. John Patterson, Mary Huffman (McLean), Mrs.
Stuart Wright, Lena Colquhoun (Ashton), Mrs. John
Allan, Frances Johnston, Cassie Campbell (McLarty)
Mrs. John Moore, Dollie McDonald, Isobell Doyle.

The children at the front are (left to right) Helen Doy
Juline Johnston, Annie McLean, Margaret McLean, Garnet Moor
and Jim Lindsay.



Our annual dinner out - April 2003
We decided we would "dig out" our hats
to wear to dinner at Lynn's Restaurant,
401 at Ridgetown.
Back row: Joyce Wright, Alona Johnston, Marj.
Thompson, Louise Long, Lois Woolner, Louise
Verhoeven, June Purcell, Hilda Morden.
2nd row: Marg. McDougal, Florence McIntyre,
Janet Quinton, Marie Spence, Willa Johnston
Seated: Jill Morden, Marg. Dickson, Doris
McIntyre, Kathy Johnston, Shirley Johnston

Clachan W.I. 1916



Clachan W.I. 2003



4-H Awards Evening - 2003



Leaders: Shelley Fleming, Linda Ford

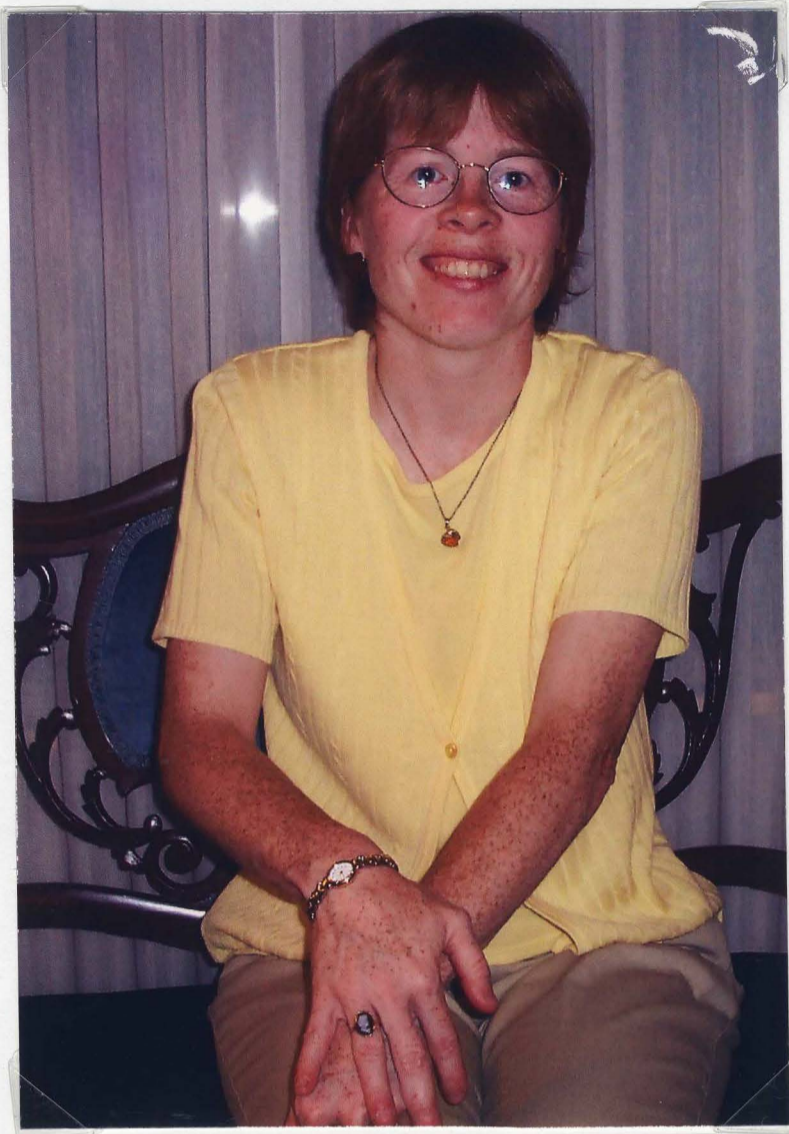


4-H Members: Laura Ford, Tabitha Carter
Front: Molly Schleihauf, Emily Bandeen, Amy Gordon
+ Eva Wilson



Contest: Marg Mc Dougall + Florence Mc Intyre

- Treasures + Antiques



Julie Morden
 Cameo ring - 125 years old
 given to my mother - 1950 - by
 her grandmother - given
 to me - 1990. I will give it
 to my niece Charlotte



Helen McWilliams
 The vase was a wedding gift of James
 Belle McWilliams (Cameo) McWilliams
 grandparents). The oval dish was a wedding
 gift of Ethel + Frank Rolston (Helen McWilliams
 grandparents) given to them from Frank
 Rolston's mother being Helen McWilliams
 Great Grandma Rolston. The matches dish
 belonged to Rachel + James McDonald (Helen McW.
 grandparents) on my father's side.



Florence (Annett) McIntyre
 Hand painted Nippon plate given
 to my mother Barbara (Munro) Annett
 when she was married in 1916. I
 inherited it in 1984. I will pass
 it on to one of my daughters.



Madeleine Cross 2003
 Mickey Mouse tea set. Christmas
 present from parents given
 around 1935 or 36. Value \$600.00 because
 mice have tails. Will be given to a
 grand-daughter.



This is a picture of the house where I was born. It was located on Lot 12, Cove. 13 of Aldborough township.

The house was built by my great grandparents to replace their log cabin.

My great grandfather was a stone mason. He used field stone to build the foundation and a large open fire place in the summer kitchen.

This kitchen was part of the implement shed which was attached to the main house

Sadly in December of 1941 it burned to the ground. Fortunately all of our family and our hired man escaped safely, but our possessions were burned.

The next summer as my mother was raking through the ashes she found her diamond engagement ring. The diamond was unharmed.

My mother painted this picture of our home and gave it to me for Christmas in December 1963.

I'm also pleased to wear the diamond ring which of course had to be reset.

Lois Woolner



Alma Johnston

This diamond ring was the engagement ring for Mary Ann Wootton who married John Downie. She was born in 1870. The ring was then handed down to her daughter Edith (Downie) Johnston who was my mother-in-law.

This ring is well over 100 yrs old.



Jill Morden

Grandma Sohnchen's ring that Grandpa Sohnchen gave her in 1965. It will be left to my niece Charlotte Chechak.



Joyce (Bergey) Wright
 This house was built by
 Henry McKay in 1899 for Christian
 Bergey (Allan + Cecil Bergey's grandfathers).
 It took 48,000 bricks to build it.



Lisa Wolf
 One of my favorite needlepoint pictures
 done by my mother, Maria Stelzer who
 immigrated to Canada from Austria in April
 1951 + moved into this area in 1996.



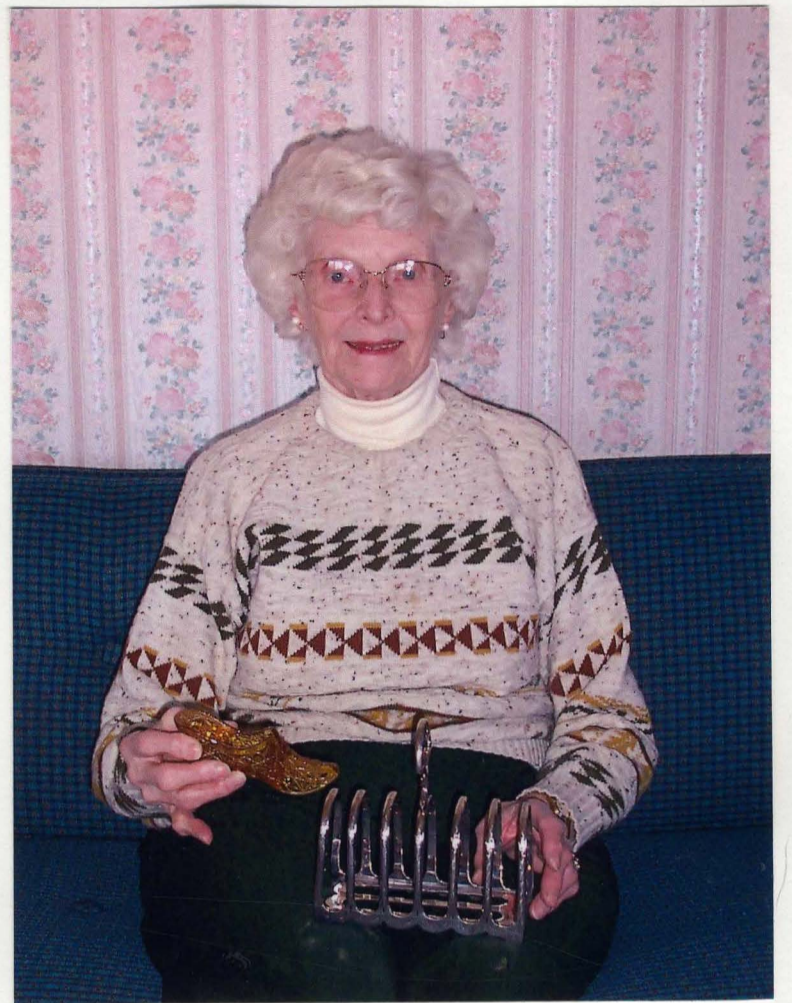
Louise Long
 Grandma McKrown gave me this one
 dollar bill for Christmas - 1944
 My daughter Rhonda says she
 will name the dollar bill.
 Aunt Jennie Weaver gave this to me when
 Art + I and baby Gary visiting for



Hilde St. Morden
 This is Mother's silver watch
 with emeralds. Received as an
 engagement gift - 1930.
 It will be given to my
 grand daughter Sarah Margaret
 Chechak.



June Purcell - 2004
This yellow dish belonged to Jessie Purcell, John Purcell's mother. She left it in the house around 1958, when they moved to Rodney and John & June took over the family farm.



Marg Mc Dougall - 2004
This toast rack was used by my mother in Haddington, Scotland around 1900. This shoe was given to Don's dad by a cousin, about 1912-13.



Marjorie Thompson 2004
This kitten by Lisa & Boots was given to Marj. in the 1940's by her mother Eva (Mc Gaffey) Berguey



Shirley Johnston - 2004
This ceramic flower belonged to Shirley's mother Flora (Campbell) Lovell.



Kathy Johnston - 2004
 These salt + paprika containers belonged to Kathy's mother. The wooden one was taken out to the field. You took a pinch of it to put on your food.



Janet (Campbell) Quinton - 2004
 The silver baby cup belonged to my *Dad - Alex S. Campbell. The dish was a wedding gift of my Grandparents - Dugald + Janet (Mrs. Gregor) Shaw. They were married in 1874.
 *Dad was born in 1896



Marie Spence
 This silver was presented by the Dominion of Canada to members of the Civilian Rifle Association for skill in rifle shooting. Won by R.A. Spence of the Clachan Rifle Association-1901.
 In 1899, the Highgate Trophy for Rifle Shooting match between Palmyra & Clachan was won by Clachan and in 1900 R.A. Spence won the Championship.



Doris Mc Intyre - 2004
 Annie Pencha, a neighbour in Euphemia Twp. Hamblton County gave this blue glass slipper to Doris as a wedding gift.

Clackan Women's Institute - June Meeting - 2004



Hostess - Joyce Wright 2004



Louise Verhoeven - Sec. Lois Woolner - Pres.



Cathy Johnston doing a reading.



Marie Spence telling about her trip to Malta



Betty Johnston showing her dolls



28/06/2004
 Mari Thompson, Betty Johnston, Willie Johnston, Doris McIntyre, Marg. McDougall and Yarmouth Glen W.I. Friends.

1914

1964



You are cordially invited to attend the

Fiftieth Anniversary

of the

Clachan Women's Institute

at Clachan Hall on

Monday, the tenth of February

nineteen hundred and sixty-four

at two-thirty p.m.

R.S.V.P.

Mrs. Harold Johnston, RR 1, Wardsville
President

Mrs. Ruth Johnston, RR 3, Bothwell
Secretary

Clachan Women's Institute - January Meeting 1964

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February 25, 2004.*



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PROGRAM

Welcome

O Canada

Institute Ode

Bits from the Past - The Beginning
By Alice Patterson

Music - Jill and Julie Morden

Bits from the Past - Shirley Johnston
Florence McIntyre

Greetings - Mayor Graham Warwick

Tweedsmuir - Janet Quinton

Greetings - Former Mayor/Warden
Duncan McPhail

Contributions to the Community
Willa Johnston
Kathy Johnston

W.I. Greetings - Ruth Axford
Mary Veenstra
Highgate W.I.

Music - Kevin & Marguerite Alderton
The Five Guys

Courtesies - Madeleine Cross



Signing the Guest Book



Marg. Dickson + Shirley Johnston



Display



*Marg. McDougall, Shirley Walker, Lois Woolner,
2 guests + Betty Johnston*



Shirley Johnston, Grace Campbell, ?



Sisters: June Purcell, Joyce Wright and Marjorie Thompson



*Graham Warwick - West Elgin Mayor,
Lois Woolner - N.S. President
Madeleine Cross - N.S. Secretary
Duncan McPhail - Past Mayor*



Hugh + Don Nesbet, Kevin Alderton, Jerry Vandenbrink



Ruth Oxford



Jill + Julie Morden



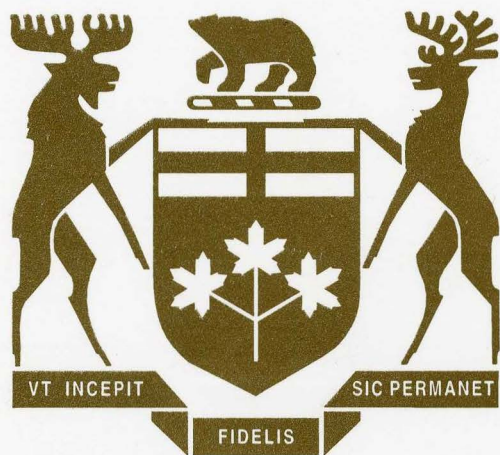
Alice Paterson



Kevin + Marguerite Alderton



Alice Paterson



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CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*On Behalf of the Constituents of
Elgin-Middlesex-London,
I wish to Congratulate your organization for
the receipt of a Community Grant from Ontario
Trillium Foundation.*

*Thank you for your investment in our
community.*

Yours truly,

**STEVE PETERS M.P.P.
Elgin-Middlesex-London**



Clachan W. I. Song

1. We Clachan women like to meet
Each month in someone's home
Where we discuss & plan & learn
The programs that we have
We try our best to do things right
But sometimes we do stray
The program's short! The lunches long
But that's the Clachan way

2. We've dressed up in our finest hats
And off to dine we went
The other diners turned to look
At these women who wore hats
We laughed as one fireman came near
And asked us who we were
We're not a danger to the land
Just friends we all hold dear

3. The women of the Institute
Far, far across the sea
Have made a calendar of sorts
For all the world to see
We thought perhaps we'd do the same
Our funds were getting low
But when we had to pose for it
My husband said, Oh NO!

4. It's 90 years since we've begun
Now that is really old
We know not what the future brings
Sure hope that we don't fold
There're lots of things that we can do
This promise we have made
To serve our country and our home
Until away we fade.

Feb, 2004 - Written by Lois Woolner & Janet Quirton



June Purcell, Katherine Johnston, Helen McWilliams, Lois Woolner
 Madeleine Cross, Joyce Wright



2004

Singing our Clachan W. I. Song
 Betty Johnston, Lois Woolner, Jill Morden, Janet Quinton,
 Helen McWilliams, Alma Johnston, Marg Thompson, Marg
 Mc Dougall, Joyce Wright, Julie Morden, Willa Johnston & June
 Purcell.

Preparing lunch

Helen McWilliams, Cathy Johnston,
Marie Spence, Joyce Wright.



Lots of visiting!



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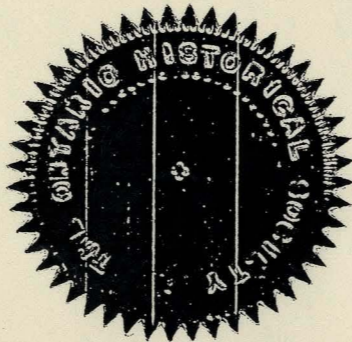
*Curators of the Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir
History*

in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of history

Willowdale, Ontario - June 13, 2004

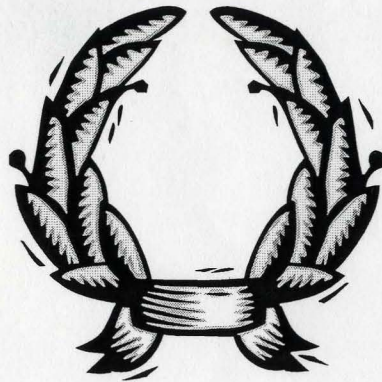
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President



John Murray Cole

Honours and Awards Committee



Scadding Award of Excellence

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario congratulates the past and present Branch Tweedsmuir Curators on being awarded the Scadding Award of Excellence by the Ontario Historical Society.

The Scadding Award of Excellence recognizes a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

A copy of the certificate presented at the Provincial Conference 2004 and accepted by Peggy McLeod, Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator on behalf of FWIO Branch Curators is attached.

The task of preserving the history of your community enriches the lives of current and future generations.

FWIO applauds the Branch Curators on winning this prestigious award.

Congratulations!

*Elsie Stephenson
FWIO President*



Joyce Wright's grandchildren doing a dance
 Jocelyn, Tristen, Breana, ?, Taneka Wright



Janet Quinton showing
 her paintings.



Cathy Johnston doing a reading, Marg. Dickson,
 Shirley " ", visitor, June Purcell, Jill Morden,
 Louise Long.

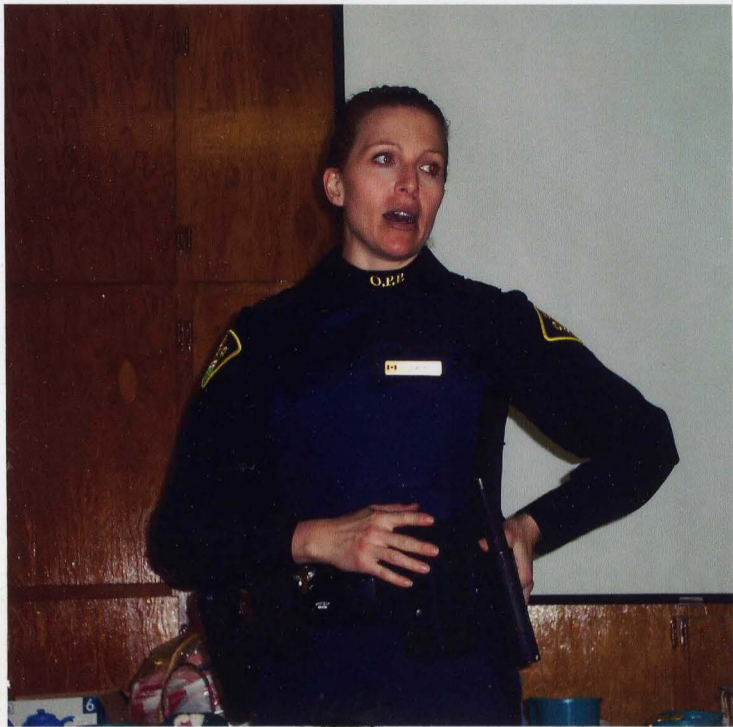


Louise Verhoeven leading a
 sing song. Lois Koolner seated
 Patricia McIntyre & baby



Joyce Wright's grandchildren
 Breana & Tristen Wright

2005 Winter Picnic



Jennifer Wilkes O.P.P.
speaking on Senior Fraud.



Silent Auction



Betty Johnston, Jill Morden, Doris McIntyre + Willa Johnston.

Lois Hoolner, Janet Quinton, Kathy Johnston



Clachan Hall could see significant improvements

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

With toilets that are nothing more than a board with a hole in it, members of the Clachan community have taken the first steps toward a major upgrade of the Clachan Hall.

"There's two stalls with a board and a hole and the waste goes outside. This isn't acceptable to our community anymore," said Chantal Ellis who is spearheading the plan. She attended West Elgin council's March 11 meeting to discuss the community's plans.

The facility, built in 1912, is still actively used by a strong women's institute, for card parties, funeral luncheons and 4-H meetings.

However, Ellis said seniors are deterred from using the facility because of the washrooms which are also not wheelchair accessible, which would meet a growing need for the seniors who use the

hall. "The reality is, it's hard to get people out to come to functions. They're not prepared to use the washrooms as they exist," said Duncan McPhail.

The former West Elgin mayor is from the Clachan area and is assisting them on the project that would see even more upgrades like running water.

"Ladies keep having to heave these big jugs of water around," said Ellis.

In addition to washrooms, she's hoping a well can be installed with chlorination to provide a proper water source to the hall.

And to combat high electric bills, she's hoping they can raise enough support to replace the electric heaters that were mounted on the ceiling in the 1960s.

"The windows rattle and the curtains move when

'THERE'S TWO [WASHROOM] STALLS WITH A BOARD AND A HOLE AND THE WASTE GOES OUTSIDE. THIS ISN'T ACCEPTABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY ANYMORE.'

— Chantal Ellis, spearheading fund raising efforts for Clachan Hall

the wind blows. We want to bring the hall more up to date," said Ellis.

"The viability of the hall is not being used to what it could be," said McPhail.

He said the facility has a long history in the community and knows his own name is carved in the wood of wall when he was a kid. He knows of other names carved in the building of people who are now more than 70 years old and still using the hall.

"The basic necessities of a washroom is not asking too much," he said.

They were asking council to consider covering the costs of potential planning and easement issues that

could potentially cost \$10,000 to allow the hall to access neighbouring farm land for a well and septic bed.

An easement would also be needed on another property to access the well and septic system.

McPhail said the neighbours are all in support of their land being used to help upgrade the hall but he's hoping council will help cover those costs while the community seeks further support from the Clachan area and through a Trillium Foundation grant.

The group is applying for a grant in April and plans to come back to council's next meeting for feedback on whether or not support is there on the land issues.

"I think the opportunity is really here," said McPhail of the chance to

upgrade the hall.

Mayor Graham Warwick expressed interest in supporting the proposal stressing how important it is to support volunteers who have kept the hall running for years from maintenance inside to grass cutting.

It was also pointed out the

Clachan community is behind keeping the hamlet revitalized. The Baptist church recently has been upgraded and the main road through Clachan was recently repaved.

Now, with potential upgraded to the Clachan Hall, Warwick said, "We're renovating Clachan."

Clachan Hall 2007



New Washroom



Card party - Feb/07

← sanded & refinished floor

Lois Woolner, Ella Riest, Jean Wright, in front (blue) Mary Taylor

2004-2005

West Elgin Citizens' Group for Rural Education

Recommendation #1: Review Funding Formula

To ensure a fair and an equitable level of funding for all Ontario's students, we recommend that:

- There are adequate funds provided for all schools across the province to deliver all mandated streams of programming.
- The differing needs demonstrated between small, lower populated rural communities and larger urban centres are actually be taken into account during the allocation of funds.

Recommendation #2: Review Programming Opportunities

Recognizing that the current funding formula does not provide adequate resource to deliver Ontario's new mandated curriculum, we recommend implementation of a Programming-Based Funding Strategy that:

- Equalizes the dollars allocated to ensure that *all* community schools receive teacher, text, library, career guidance and equipment resources so as to provide all streams of the provincially mandated programming.
- Provides strategies for developing equally accessible programming for our students regardless of the size of the population or location.
- Develops community partnerships that enhance community education without jeopardizing the program funding the school receives.

Recommendation #3: Review Definition of Small School

A major gap exists within the current definition that excludes lower populated schools in rural Ontario. Using the existing *Small School* definition and applying the present Student-Focused Funding Formula, students living in rural areas are not being given fair and equal treatment. We strongly believe that community-based, rural "*Small Schools*" must remain open in the province of Ontario or rural Ontario, as we know it, will suffer serious ramifications:

We recommend that you immediately revisit and revise the gaps in the definition of *Small School* to more adequately and fairly provide funding to all rural students.



West Elgin Citizens' Group for Rural Education

Recommendation #4: Review Provincial Guidelines for School Closings

To guarantee the viability of rural schools, we recommend that:

- New emphasis needs to be placed on the educational and community value the school provides not just short-term financial considerations.
- Municipalities need to be consulted in the process of school closures.
- Greater provincial oversight must be exercised to assure that thorough evaluation of closures is completed within the criteria stated in the revised provincial guidelines.

Recommendation #5: Review the Composition and Jurisdiction of School Boards

We recommend the review of school boards in Southwestern Ontario, specifically:

- the size of the geographic area
- the number of students supervised
- the basis of representation on the school board

For instance, the Thames Valley District School Board encompasses over 7,000 square kilometers, extends over 200 kilometers from west to east, services approximately 80,000 students, and is composed of both urban and rural settings. Rural communities that are near the outer boundaries are disadvantaged.

West Elgin Citizens' Group for Rural Education

March 11, 2004

The Honourable Gerard Kennedy
Minister of Education
Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
M7A 1L2

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

The Citizens' Group for Rural Education applauds your decisions to implement a moratorium on school closures. Your commitment to review the community value of schools, the school closure process, and student program needs addresses the challenges our schools face in these changing times.

We would appreciate the opportunity to participate in this review and offer our rural perspective on education in Ontario.

Having met and dialogued with numerous community groups of West Elgin to develop long-term strategies, we are forwarding our recommendations for your consideration. We look forward to meeting with you to expand on our ideas.

Sincerely,

Citizens' Group for Rural Education

Barbara Campbell
Chairperson

Contact information:
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Review Funding Formula Background/Talking Points:

- The current *Student-Focused Funding Formula*— provides the same dollar amount per student to all school boards, this amount is based on the average daily enrollment (ADE) which is counted in October and March of each year. In addition, other grants are available to support the educational process, if a school/school board meets the specific criteria.
- Student-Focused funding (a.k.a.: the funding formula) is a commitment to build a strong future for public education in Ontario. It is a commitment to fund education in a way that benefits *all* of Ontario's students.
- The provincially mandated Student-Focused Funding Formula is the root cause of so many recent lower populated, rural school closures. While there are definitions in place to define small/rural schools, there are many lower populated schools within the province that fall outside the scope of these definitions.
- Currently there are very few mandated adjustments in place to address to the unfilled needs of lower populated schools. These schools are not defined as small schools nor do they have the population of the larger urban schools. As a result, viable community-based, rural schools suffer a tremendous negative impact in the educational process because the lack of fair and equitable funding. The local schools boards are not empowered to change these mandates and, therefore, it must be addressed by the Minister of Education.
- Because of the current Student-Focused Funding Formula, short-term financial considerations have played too large a role in decision to close schools. The Student-Focused Funding Formula sets capacity on a ratio of floor space versus the number of students *rather than on Excellence for All*. This approach results in the lower populated, rural schools unfairly bearing the weight of a system-wide budgeting problem.
- The existing Student-Focused Funding Formula does not provide adequate financial resources to enable lower populated, rural schools to fully implement even the basic requirements of Ontario's newly mandated program curriculum. This is a serious equity issue, because we want equal programming for all of our students regardless of where they live. In this regard, lower populated, rural schools suffer because they lose students to larger schools that have adequate resources to provide the mandated programs. This further erodes their population base.

Review Definition of Small School Background Talking Points:

- *Small Secondary Schools*, currently defined by the Ministry of Education—are schools that have fewer than an average of 150 students per grade and that are located 32 kilometers from other secondary schools of the board.
- For instance, West Elgin Secondary School (WESS) serves a very large catchment area of 618 squarekilometersincluding the largely agricultural municipalities of West Elgin and Dutton/Dunwich. While WESS *does* meet the criteria of Small School with fewer than 150 students per grade, it *does not* meet the 32 km mandated factor (it is within 28 kilometer of another secondary school).
- Using the existing Small School definition means... falling 4 kilometers outside the existing guidelines prohibits WESS from receiving financial support provided through the Small School Allocation Grant. As a result, additional funds that would enhance the educational process of students living in rural area are being withheld. In fact, all students (both urban and rural) need to be close to their community for employment and social activities. Further, rural communities and their schools share an interdependent relationship—each one influences and enhances the other. Community-based, rural schools are easily identified geographically, economically and socially. Therefore, we recommend that community-based schools, serving distinct communities, be recognized as having unique needs, and be considered Small Schools. This would then provide adequate funds through the Small School Allocation Grant to sustain education of their children.
- The concept of community is a critical factor overlooked in the current definition. It is important factor because the community has a responsibility towards it children by playing an active role in the educational process. The benefits of having children attend local schools provides an ongoing opportunities for the students to learn, work and grow while fostering a sense of belonging to their communities. In addition, community-based schools help students develop strong ties to their roots and present opportunities to give back to their rural communities. In short, schools are the core of the community; the underpinning of all other culture/social institutions; and, an important contributor to the community's ongoing financial viability. Not providing adequate funding and threatening to close local schools impacts both the economic and cultural aspects of a community.

Review Programming Opportunities

Background/Talking Points:

- The following three Funding Resources are set-asides for Small Schools and Remote/Rural Boards. These types of allocations were designed by the Ministry of Education to offset the cost of programming in rural/remote areas.
 1. **Small Schools Allocation**—provides an offset for the higher per student cost of programs in small schools.
 2. **Remote and Rural Allocation**—provides additional funding to meet the higher cost of goods and services for boards that are remote from major urban centres and have students spread over a large area.
 3. **Rural Education Strategy**—an initiative to work with partners in education including boards and parents to develop a strategy to improve learning outcomes for students in rural areas.

PLEASE NOTE:

Schools such as West Elgin Secondary School, Glencoe District High School, North Middlesex District High School and countless others across the province *do* meet the criteria of Small School definition (i.e. schools with fewer than 150 students per grade). They are, in fact, small, lower population schools; however, they are not recognized as such because they *do not* meet the 32 km mandated criteria as outlined in the provincial definition of a Small School.

Therefore, they are not eligible to benefit from the above funding sources. As a result, an unfair bias is established against these schools in terms of the delivery of mandated programming.

- In a review of four schools in West Elgin and West Middlesex Counties *none of the four*, large or small, were able to meet the standards set out by the mandated curriculum with the resources provided to them under Student-Focused Funding Formula (Basic Foundation Grant). All four schools needed additional funds to implement the programming.

There is an unrealistic demand being placed on lower populated, small, rural schools to comply with the mandated programming or be threatened with closure. However, these schools are systematically being shut of the funding process through narrow and rigid definitions and short-term financial considerations and decisions. This same set of criteria does not apply to the larger schools which can leverage economies of scale to meet the demand of the mandated programming.

In short, lower populated schools are being asked to do more (provide more programming) without being given any special consideration for the cost of providing these programs in a smaller school environment.

Review Provincial Guidelines For School Closings Background/Talking Points:

- The Amendment to Ontario regulation 444/98 overviews the Disposition of Real Property (i.e. school closings). Defined elements for inclusion in the policy are limited, general and open ended. The timeline for completing an evaluation and requirement for involvement of affected and interested parties are likewise brief or not specified. Consequently, each board is directed to establish their own school closure policy.
- An established and operating school within a community has a vital responsibility to its on going student body. First, to offer a complete education program, but also of importance is the social and human aspects of their formative years. Research show that there are significant implications when students are severed from their local area and are bused to a more distant school. In addition, students approaching adult years benefit from the development of community ties and community services, which may well be interfered with by a school closure.
- Rural communities and their schools share a symbolic (interdependent) relationship—each one influences and enhances the other. For instance, the communities of West Elgin and Dutton-Dunwich use the West Elgin Secondary School facilities throughout the year for a number of cultural and sporting activities and community function, and benefit immeasurably from the volunteer efforts and community involvement of the students.
- School Boards need to specifically to assess the education and community value of the schools being considered for closure, with special consideration for lower populated, community-based, rural schools. Because of the current funding formula, short-term financial considerations have played too large a role in decisions to close schools.

Recommendation #3: Review Definition of Small School

A major gap exists within the current definition that excludes lower populated schools in rural Ontario. Using the existing *Small School* definition and applying the present *Student-Focused Funding Formula*, students living in rural areas are not being given fair and equal treatment. We strongly believe that community-based, rural "Small Schools" must remain open in the province of Ontario or rural Ontario, as we know it, will suffer serious ramifications.

We recommend that you immediately review and revise the gaps in the definition of *Small School* to more accurately and fairly provide funding to all rural students.

Review the Composition and Jurisdiction of School Boards

Background/Talking Points:

- For instance, the Thames Valley District School Board encompasses over 7,000 square kilometres, extends over 200 kilometres from west to east, services approximately 80,000 students, and is composed of both urban and rural settings. In addition, many values and customs espoused by rural residents differ from those of urbanites.
- By separating Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex Counties (approximately 35,000 students) from the City of London (approximately 45,000 students) and creating two separate boards, then local board trustees would be better positioned to recognize and more effectively respond to the diverse student needs than a centralized city-based board.
- Research shows that consolidation of boards and schools is often skewed in favor of urban values and the needs of larger communities (Burlingame, 1979; Sher, 1981; Brown, 1996, Ribchester and Edwards, 1999). Creating two boards would alleviate the underlying concern that many residents feel that they do not have adequate representation. Further it would give local residents more voice in the decision-making process.

W.I. BLUE HATS

(Sung to the tune of "Blue Moon")

Blue hat, we saw you standing in line,
Without a blue hat like mine,
Without a feather so fine.

Blue hats, you know just what we
were there for,

You heard us say a prayer for –
a pretty hat to care for.

We challenge you to wear your hat,
To every function W.I. holds.

It's our heritage, so please adorn me.
And when we looked, the hats were
blue and gold.

Blue hats, now we're no longer alone,
Without a hat of our own,
With decorations of gold.

Written by the FWIO Provincial Board
August 2004



2005

*W. I. visits Perennial Haven - hostess Mrs de Nijis
Madeleine Cross Lois Koolner, Louise Long, Shirley
Johnston, Louise Verhoeven, Thea Long, Marg McDougall,
Jill Morden, Doris McIntyre, Florence McIntyre,
Marie Spence, Cathy Johnston*



Photo taken by
Rene Van Acker

Nov 11, 2005 - McLean/Purcell Cemetery
The pipe band from Chatham visited
this cemetery to honour the war veterans.
Orville Long
Nelson Doyle
Gerald Purcell

Feb. 2006



W. I. at Cathy Johnston's
Guest speakers on
their Bed & Breakfast
- Kim Markham
- Pam Page

Feb 2006



Doris McIntyre
Willa Johnston

2006 Winter Picnic
Janet Quinton, Helen McWilliams
Marjorie Thompson, June Purcell



l- Janet Quinton
Helen McWilliams
Sharon Gilchrist
Francis McCallum

R.f. June Purcell (front)
Marj Thomson



Joyce Wright & Helen McWilliams

Doris McIntyre Helen McWilliams Shirley Walker

2006 Winter Picnic

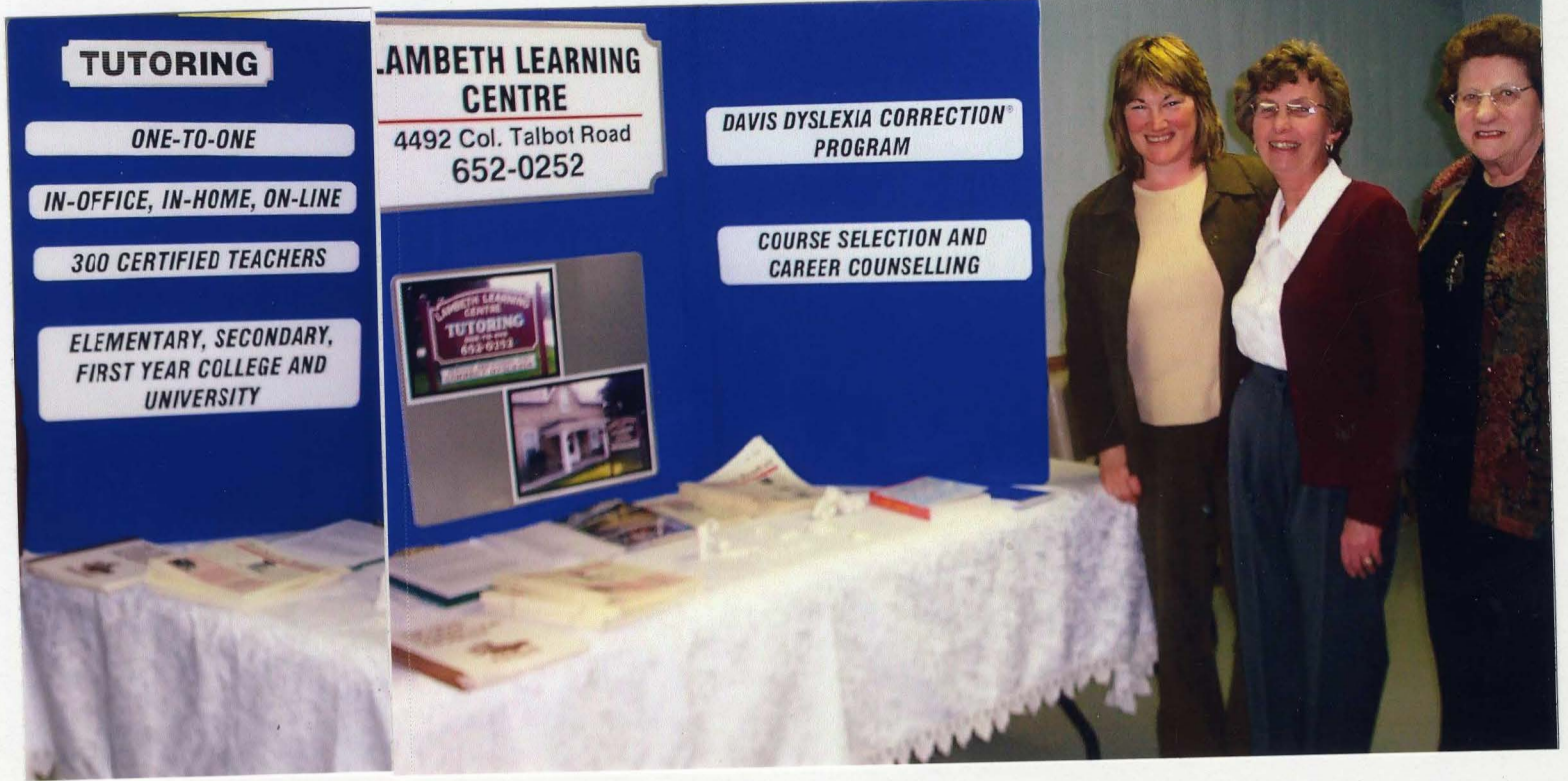


Lois Stroemer

Hmmm!!



Theresa St. Pierre,
Cathy Johnston,
Willa Johnston.



April, 2006. W. I. held at Kintyre Guest - Mary Ann Kettlewell
Lois Koolner & Shirley Johnston



Mandy Wright & Marie Spence



Tracy Bradshaw, Gerry Scafe



Joyce Wright, Linda Ford



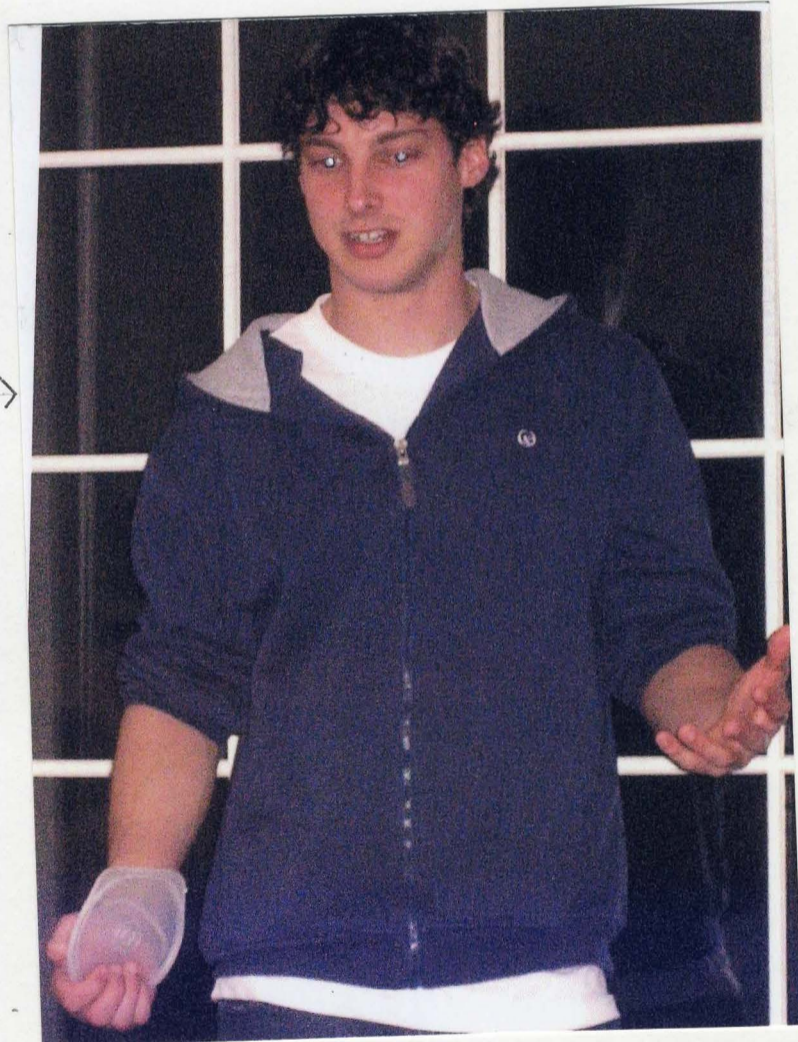
Florence McIntyre, Cathy Johnston, Shirley Johnston, Shirley Walker
- 4 at front



Annamilke Loeters



Helen McWilliams, Cathy Johnston, Louise Long, Dorothy Long, Norma Mann



Oct. 2006 - W.I. at Helen McWilliams Grandson - Gary McWilliams Video-trip to Central America



*← Marg Mc Dougall + Helen Mc Williams
→ W.I. Christmas Meeting at home of John + June Purcell*




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— **Mary Stewart Collect** —

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large
in thought, in word, and deed;

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off
self-seeking;

May we put away all pretence and meet each
other face to face without self pity and
without prejudice;

May we never be hasty in judgement and always
generous;

Let us take time for all things; make us grow
calm, serene, gentle;

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid;

Grant that we may realize that it is the little
things that create differences; that in the
big things of life we are one;

And may we strive to touch and know the great
human heart common to us all; and
O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

— **Institute Grace** —

We thank Thee Father for Thy care,
Food, friends and kindness we share,
May we forever mindful be,
Of “Home and Country” and of Thee

Community
Residents



Nelson + Willa Johnston
50th Wedding Anniversary
August 28, 1999.



Willa Johnston's birthday - 80
Kintyre Church



Earl + Hilda Morden
50th Wedding Anniversary
March 22, 2002



Doris Mc Intyre presenting gift to June
from W.I. for their 50th wedding anniversary
(Doris Mc Intyre)

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Janneke Fleuren



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**MARG
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T-J SMILE

Name: Janneke Fleuren
Age: 18
Home Community: Rodney
Occupation: Support worker and future dietitian
Interests/Hobbies: Sports, field hockey, volunteering in general
Favourite Actor: Julia Roberts
Favourite Movie: Ten Things I Hate About You



PAMELA JOHNSTON AND VICKI VAN ACKER WERE two of the three 4-H members who completed six projects and received trophies at last Tuesday night's 4-H banquet in the Legion Hall. The other member was Chantal Van Mierlo, who was absent.

1987



"FROM FARM TO TABLE" 4-H CLUB LEADER AND members were sponsored by Rodney Agricultural Society, which also provided a silver dollar to each member. The Rural Organization and Services Branch of the Ministry of

Agriculture and Food presented a "From Farm to Table" project plate. Leader was Hilde Morden. Members were: Jill Morden, Andrea Clements, Julie Morden, Hedwig and Patricia Van Asten.

1987

DORIS (ANNETT) McINTYRE

I am the oldest of our family of seven children, four girls and three boys. I received my early education at a one room rural school, S.S. No 7, Euphemia Twp, Lambton Co. I along with my brothers and sisters, and other children walked the nearly one mile from our farm to and from school, usually in all kinds of weather, I remember this school, as all rural schools, had a huge stove at the back where we would huddle around during the cold winter days, an outside pump where we got our drinking water, and then there were the outhouses. After passing my entrance exams I was fortunate to be able to attend Bothwell Continuation School.

I met my husband Wm. A. (Bert) McIntyre at a garden party, and a few years later we were married on November 5, 1938 in a quiet ceremony at my parent's home. We farmed on the 1st con. of Aldborough Twp. for twelve years and were blessed with two sons, Ronald and Larry.

Around 1943 my good neighbour Annie Taylor thought I should join the W.I. and so I did. I have enjoyed being a member of the Clachan W.I., working in the Clachan community and helping with the Rodney Fair Board.

In 1950 we moved to a farm on the 3rd conc. of Aldborough Twp. where we still reside, we have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Bert and I celebrated our 50th anniversary November 5, 1988 with an open house at the Clachan hall and dinner at the Palace restaurant in Glencoe along with our family and neighbours, followed by a social evening. On November 5, 1998 we celebrated our 60th anniversary with our immediate family, brothers, sisters and their spouses at the Seven Dwarfs in London, with a social evening following after. I have seen some ups and downs of life but I have also enjoyed many of the blessings and rewards that life has to offer. At the age of 82 I am glad to get up in the morning and see the sunrise and to be able to see the sunset at night.

Doris's story was sent in for the book "From This Place



Presentation
to Doris by
Clacha W.I.
2000

Willa Johnston, Doris McIntyre, Betty Johnston



Clachan W.I. at Marg. Dickson's home
Back row: Kathy Johnston, Louise Long, Doris McIntyre, Louise Verhoeven, Alma Johnston, Marg. McDougall, Shirley Johnston, Florence McIntyre, Marg. Dickson 2nd row: Madeleine Cross, June Purcell, Phyllis McBrayne
Front row: Hilda Morden, Joyce Wright, Janet Quinton, Marie Spence, Jill Morden, Willa Johnston.



W.I. Christmas-2003 at June's home
 Madeleine Cross + June Purcell



LADIES' CENTENNIAL COSTUMES at the Agricultural Society's Ball, in Rodney Community Hall, last Wednesday night, were in such profusion, quality, style, and color, it was difficult for judges to determine winners, but they decided on Mrs. Bruce Fowkes, third from the right, as the winner.

Others in the competition were: Mrs. Phil. Schleihauf, Mrs. Eva Newport, Mrs. Alex. King, Chatham, Mrs. John Boam, Bothwell, Mrs. Fowkes, Mrs. Ern. Fairles, and Mrs. Allan Woolner.

1967

— Mercury-Sun photo.

Agricultural Hall of Fame inductee has served rural Ontario for years

by Jeffrey Carter

There's no lack of challenge for volunteers in rural Ontario. Hilde Morden of RR 1, Rodney can certainly attest to that. The Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame inductee has been working as a volunteer in many different capacities for years.

"I'm a high energy person," says Morden. "By 9 a.m. I can have all of those machines working (bread-maker, dishwasher, etc.) and be in my office."

Morden's journey into the world of volunteerism began when her children were young. When she was asked to join the Clachan Women's Institute branch she jumped at the opportunity. "After a while of talking a lot to people who are just the height of the table, you find you need some outside interest," she jokes. "It's just what I needed."

Morden says she's gained much from her association with the WI. Along with meeting a lot of fine people, it's helped her hone her considerable leadership and organizational skills.

"You need to know how to delegate, organize and get support," she says.

It's important to remain focussed upon the goal, Morden adds. That keeps groups from becoming sidetracked. It's also important to look for the gifts and talents that people possess and bring them out.

"All people have gifts and talents. You can persuade them to use them," she says. "Sometimes they just need the opportunity."

Morden has a long list of accomplishments. She first joined the WI 32 years ago and she's also been active in her church and a variety of other rural-oriented organizations in her community including 4-H. A list of her current involvement provides you with a little insight overall record of volunteerism over the years. Morden is currently the vice-chair of the West Elgin Community Health Centre. She's the president of the Kintyre Women's Missionary Society. She's the resolutions convener for the Clachan WI. She the coordinator for lay pastoral care in her three-point-charge church.

She chairs the West Elgin Seniors Project Committee. She's a member of Missions for Kids. She is the treasurer, for the fifth year, of "Journey for Love", a group that puts on a yearly religious pageant in Rodney. Morden is also involved with the 100th anniversary celebration for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to be held in Hamilton; she's to be a moderator for one of the panel discussions.

These days Morden is especially excited about her involvement with the West Elgin Seniors Project Committee. The focus for the group is to find ways for seniors to help each other in such areas as transportation, friendly visits, and providing accurate information on services.

Morden provides a considerable contribution to the groups with which she is involved. She's well organized and has an eye for details. She's creative in finding solutions. She's determined and she's optimistic.

"I don't have any problems; I just have challenges," she says.

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HONOURED -- Hilde Morden often works from her home when it comes to volunteer work. She and her husband Earl still grow cash crops. The pair used to be hog producers.

John A. McIntyre lived at Clachan all his life

John A. McIntyre of Clachan, died in Four Counties' Hosp., Sunday, Nov. 12.

Born 91 years ago, the son of the late Alexander McIntyre and Emma Poole, he lived all his life on the 1st con.

He was a member of Bothwell United Church.

Survived by sons: W. A. (Bert) McIntyre and Elgin, both RR 1, Wardsville; two daughters: Violet, Mrs. John Balmer of Thamesville, and Lillie Bell, Mrs. Gerald Forshee of Wyoming; 13

grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Lillie Belle Blum five years ago, also two sisters.

The funeral was held at Padfield Funeral Home, Wednesday, with Rev. D. J. Hawkins of Bothwell United Church officiating.

Burial was in Purcell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ronald, Larry, John and Donald McIntyre, Wayne and Gary Balmer.

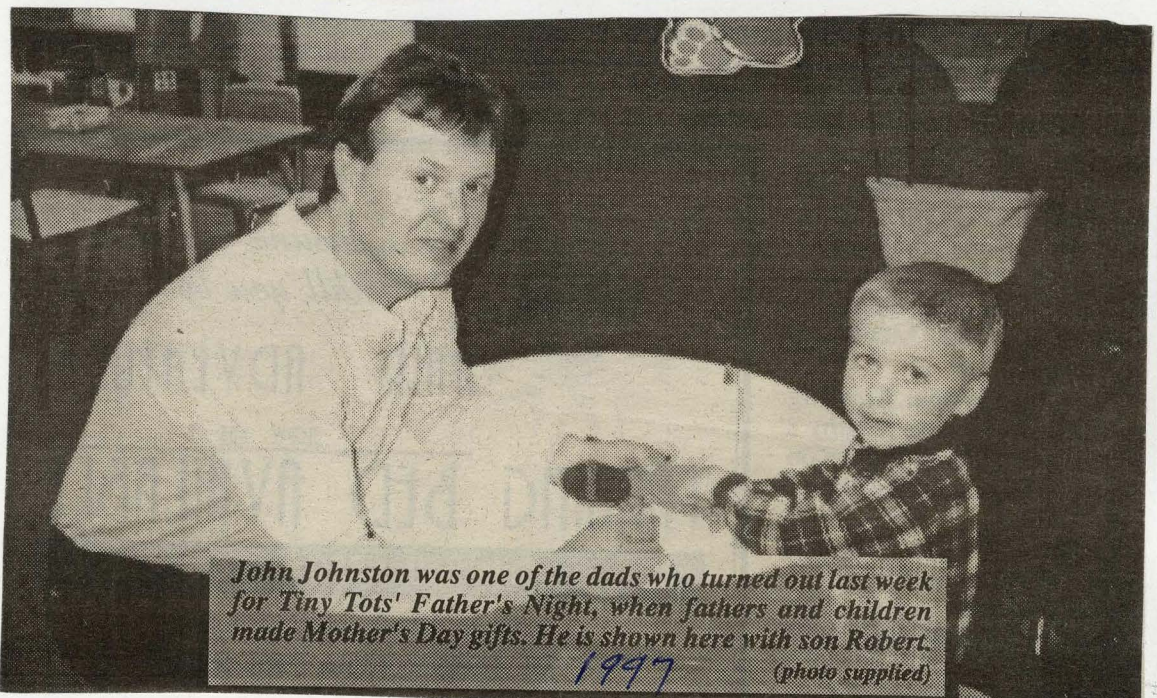
Flowerbearers were: Keith Balmer, Allan and Bruce McIntyre and Bryan Forshee.

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Phone your news to 785-0310.

The 1997 Annual CORN & SOYBEAN REPORT



Shown: Kevin McFadden and John Johnson, July 1996



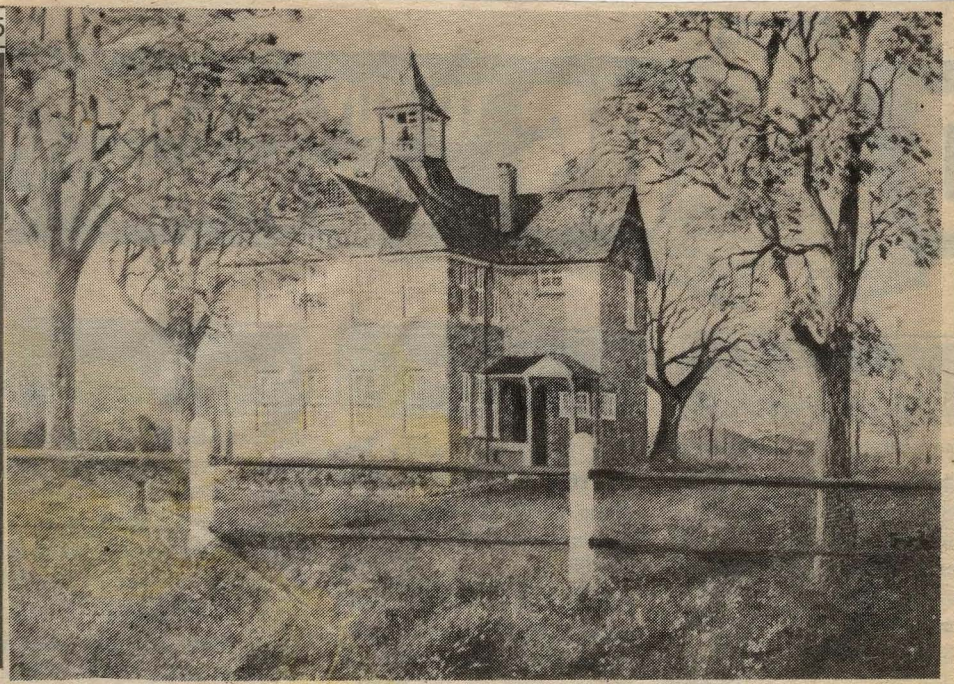
John Johnston was one of the dads who turned out last week for Tiny Tots' Father's Night, when fathers and children made Mother's Day gifts. He is shown here with son Robert.

1997

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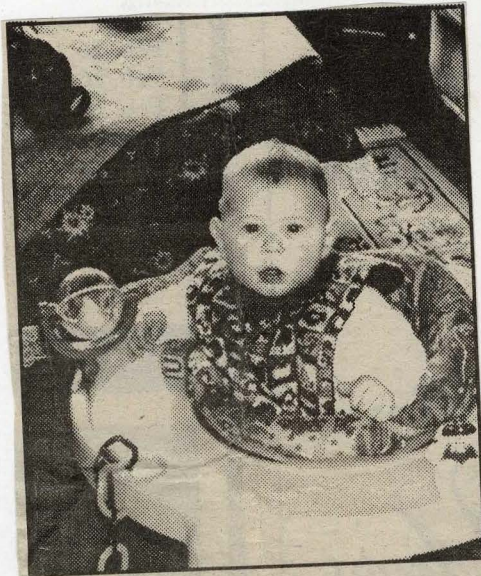


Happy 25th Anniversary
Liz & Duncan McPhail
Oct. 14th
Love Brent, Shawn, Heather & Nicole

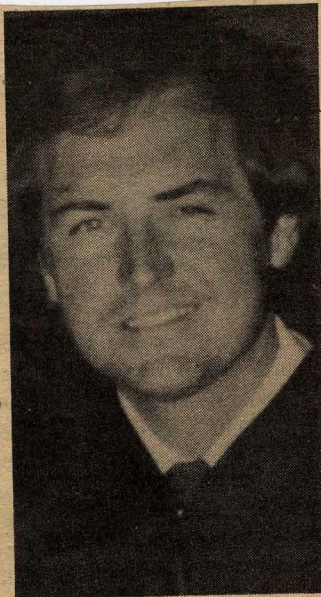


ARTIST MARIE SPENCE PRESENTED this oil painting of Oak Grove school to township council at its January meeting, plus an oil of this rare six-sided barn on the Savic farm, just north of West Lorne, and east of 76 Highway on the 7th. They will be hung in the township office, together with two more paintings council has commis-

sioned her to paint: Port Glasgow fishery, cottage and Cnoc Neldiah as it was photographed around 1900, and the Hill homestead on Back St., a mile west of West Lorne. The latter two pictures are expected to be ready in a few months. All four will preserve some of the historic buildings and sites in the township.



Ryan Gilbert Alderton
Ryan Gilbert Leroy Alderton, the son of Marguerite and Kevin Alderton was born on June 22, 1995. Love from Oma and Opa Bouw, Heather, Darren, Bill, Michele and Tabitha.



At the 15th Convocation ceremonies at Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Sciences on June 29, James M. Price, employee of Padfield Ambulance Service, graduated with top honours in the Emergency Medical Care Attendant program. He is presently trying the provincial registration examinations.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD EDWARD ALDERTON

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 1969

ALDERTON — CAREY WEDDING

St. James Presbyterian Church, Chatham, was beautifully decorated with white gladioli and candelabra for the Saturday, August 16th, 4 p.m. ceremony in which Elizabeth Alice Carey daughter of Mr. C. W. Carey and the late Mrs. Carey of Chatham, and Ronald Edward Alderton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alderton, Wardsville, exchanged wedding vows.

Rev. G. Dulzell officiated at the double ring ceremony. Marc Ross, cousin of the bride, was organist and accompanied Donald Nisbet of Wardsville, who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings".

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY GARY LONG



DORIS GILKES, graduated recently from University of Western Ontario with her B. A. in French. She is the daughter of Mr. Jack Gilkes, Clachan.



McWilliams - Slaats Wedding

Mary Josephine Slaats and John Lorin McWilliams exchanged wedding vows September 10, at St. Mary's Church, West Lorne. Father Smith officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Slaats of Rodney and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron McWilliams of Bothwell.

Miss Betty Slaats was maid of honour, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Johanna Szusz, Miss Debbie Purcell and Miss Julie McWilliams. Kimberly Slaats was flower-girl.

Best man was Dave Downie and ushers were Jim Dymock, Martin Slaats and Neil McWilliams. Mark Vanderboomen was the ring bearer.



Judy Marie Coulthard and Bruce Earl Wright were married February 10th, 1989, in London. Judy is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Coulthard of Glencoe and Ken Coulthard of Blenheim, and Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright of R. R. 1 Wardsville. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica the couple took up residence in Glencoe.



PTE. GREG J. PURCELL graduated from Canadian Forces Base, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, on May 4th, 1989. He is now furthering his training at Cold Lake, Alberta and Chilliwack, B.C. Greg is the son of June and John Purcell of Wardsville. 25-33-1



MRS. JOANN JOHNSTON of Clachan received her diploma in Early Childhood Education from Lambton College, Sarnia, at Convocation Exercises held on Friday, June 18th. She has accepted a position with Elms Children's Centre, Glencoe. Joann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kalita of Eagle.

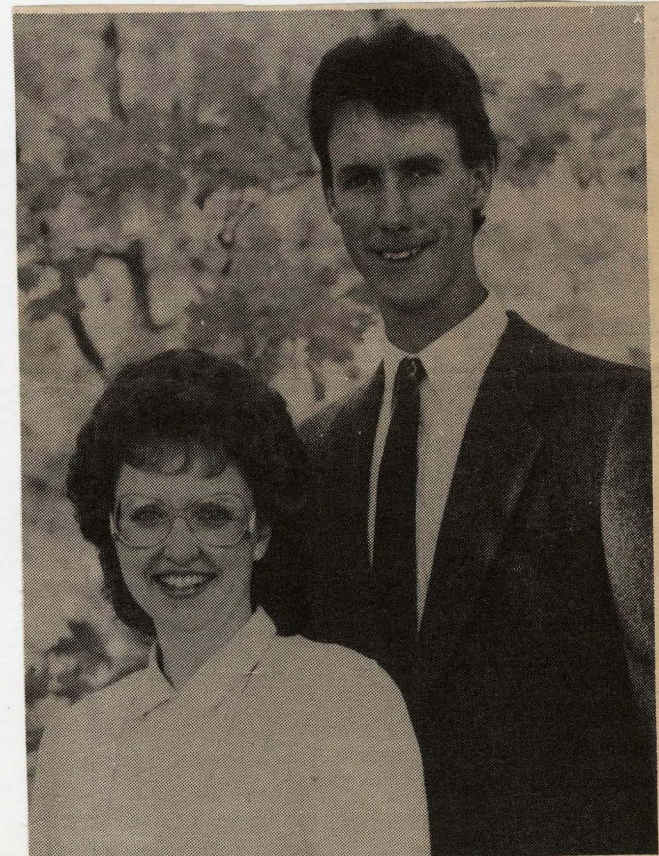
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IAN FLEMING was selected by Orford Farmers Co-operative to be one of 20 participants attending the first week of the 14th annual Youth Camp held July 13-19 at Geneva Park near Orillia. Organized by United Co-operative of Ontario, a total of 63 youths from across Ontario will take part in this year's program which emphasizes the development of leadership and communication skills. Two other camps will be held August 10-16 and August 16-22. /80



PAMELA D. JOHNSTON daughter of Donald and Alma Johnston, Clachan, graduated Saturday, June 17th from Humber College as a Pharmacy Assistant. Pam is currently working at Herbies' Drug Warehouse in London, Ontario. June/89



Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woolner wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carol Marie to Peter Paul Kerkvliet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kerkvliet. The wedding will take place Saturday, November 25th, 1989 at Kintyre Presbyterian Church.

Rodney youth receives Canadian 4-H award

By Sheila McBrayne

Eighteen year-old Patricia VanAsten, daughter of Dorothy and Theo VanAsten, of Rodney, was one of six Ontario recipients of the Petro Canada 4-H Youth Leadership Award.

Patricia has been involved in the local 4-H club since she was 12 and has completed about 27 club projects. The \$1,000 scholarship awarded to only 25 young members across Canada is aimed at helping pay for first year university or college costs such as tuition, books and lodging.

Patricia is a first-year student at Trent University, Peterborough, studying concurrent teaching. This is a three-year coop program where she will attend Queen's University as well.

The VanAsten family is familiar with the scholarship as Hedwig, Patricia's sister, won the same award in 1987. At that time there was only one recipient in all Ontario. Hedwig is studying at University of Waterloo.

This is the sixth year for the scholarship. Thirty-nine applications were received and reviewed in June by a three-man committee. The three judges of applications were Allen Rogers, 4-H leader with Ontario 4-H Council, Judy Rou-

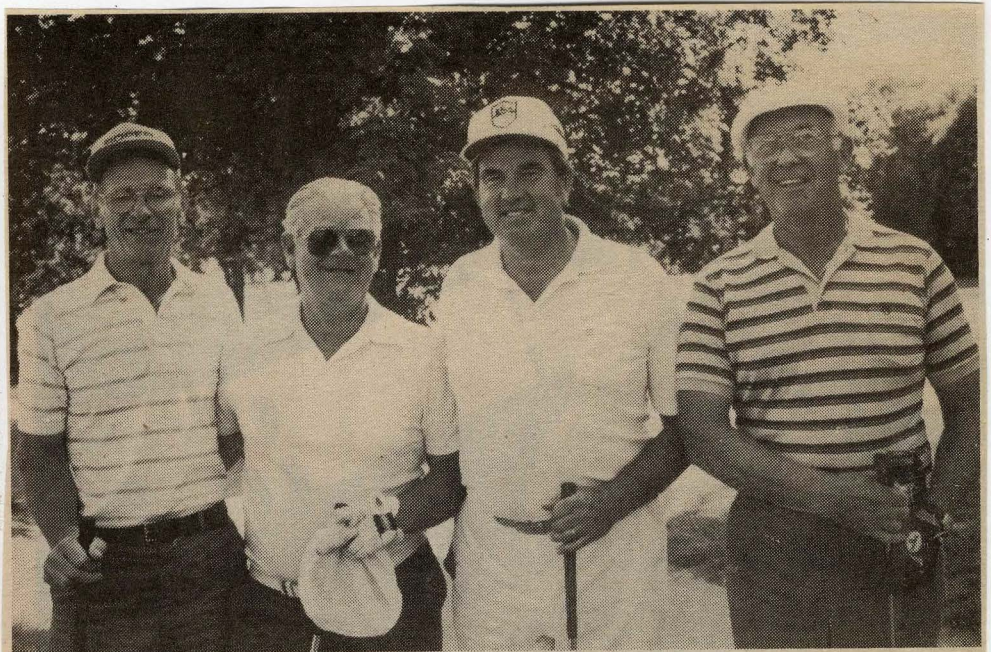


Patricia VanAsten

sel ROS branch, OMAF, and Cathy Wilson Pinkney, 4-H Supervisor. The applications are judged on overall 4-H involvement, community involvement, education and career objectives and essay content.

Patricia's essay was titled O Canada and talked of all the freedoms and privileges of Canada. The essay contained verses of the national anthem incorporated with Patricia's views of Canada as a first generation Canadian.

Patricia is also a contender for another prestigious award to be announced this October. She is highly recommended for the Ontario Women's Institute Award to be presented October 11 in Exter.



LOCAL GOLFERS PARTICIPATING IN last Wednesday's senior tournament at Strathroy, were: Victor Howard, Ross Lashbrook, Don Wright and Les Welch. Don

won the low net, a golf bag, and a dozen golf balls for coming closest to the pin on one green.

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THREE LOCAL SENIOR GOLFERS AND one from Strathroy, participated in last Wednesday's senior tournament at Strathroy. At left is the Strathroy golfer, Nelson

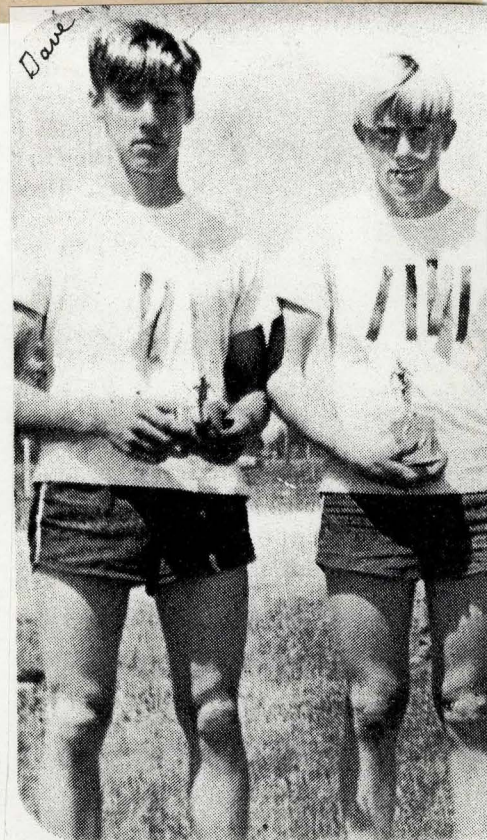
Johnston, Lyle Mann and Arnold Lee. Lyle won a shirt and cap in the B flight for 55 to 59 year-olds.

RODNEY, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1989



THERESA VERHOEVEN of R.R.1, Wardsville was crowned this year's Fair Queen on Friday night. She was joined in the parade by 1973's queen, Aldona Gaidauskas-Scott of London. Also participating in this year's

Queen Competition were Jennifer Janice Pfaff (first runner-up) of Rodney, Jennifer Newport of R.R.1, Wardsville and Denise Walker of Rodney.



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES and the school championship trophy were presented at the district elementary track and field meet held at Aldborough Public School this first week in June 1968. Aldborough made a clean sweep of championships in boys' classes, with Dave Johnston, Clachan winning senior championship

1990 high school prom



Patricia Holdaway and Barry Peacock were crowned WESS' 1990 Prom Queen and King at the school Prom on Saturday night. Proud students and prouder parents endured high temperatures in the gym, but enjoyed the Bon Voyage decorations and spirit. Mercury-Sun Photo

WESS' graduating Grade 12 and 13 students celebrated their Bon Voyage Prom on Saturday night.

The gymnasium was decorated in an ocean liner-leaves-the-dock theme, with a marquee leading from the hallway into the gym. Inside, a huge hand-painted picture of an ocean liner covered one wall. On another wall, a stage was flanked with coloured sails hung from the ceiling.

A row boat beached on a palm-treed desert island added to the atmosphere, as did the high temperature in the gym.

Ontario Students Against Impaired Drivers, WESS chapter, ran a soft drink bar and four Grade 11 girls manned the ticket table.

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Members of Clachan community and friends entered this float of country and western "singers" in the recent Rodney Fair parade. From left to right, they are: Julie McWil-

liams, Blair Wright, Mandy Marchand of Bothwell, Phil Page of Rodney and Judy Woolner of Clachan.

Photo courtesy of June Russell



BOB SPENCE along with friends is getting ready for this year's Air Show in Muirkirk on Labour Day Weekend. Hundreds of people will gather to watch the air show.

DONALD STUART WRIGHT

At Four Counties Hospital, Newbury, on Thursday, April 8, 1993, Donald Stuart Wright, of RR#1 Wardsville, in his 63rd year.

He was a Past President of the Rodney Kiwanis Club, a member of the Aldborough Plains Baptist Church and a well known farmer in Aldborough Township.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by his wife Joyce (Berger), parents William and Lillian Wright of RR#1 Wardsville, daughter Brenda Lee and her husband Bruce Fairles of Burlington, sons Robert Donald and his wife Esther of RR#2 Muirkirk, William Allan Barry and his wife Linda of RR#1 Wardsville, Brian Stuart and his wife Therisa of Glencoe, Bruce Earl and his wife Judy of Glencoe, John Blair and his Fiancee Marana at home; brother Earl Wright of Rodney, sister Evelyn (Mrs. John Gardiner) of RR#1 Wardsville; grandchildren Jessica, Jeffery, Joshua, Ernie, Eddie, Ryan, Nichole, Tanika, and Jocelyn as well as several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brother Larry (1989) and grandson Chad.

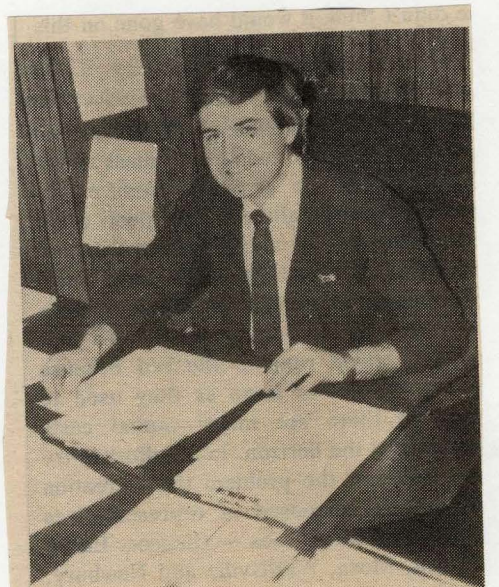
The Wright family received friends at the Rodney Chapel on Saturday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where services were held on Sunday at 3 p.m. with Pastor C. Hildebrandt officiating. Interment McLean Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Heart and Stoke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

The Padfield Funeral Home, Rodney in charge of arrangements.

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

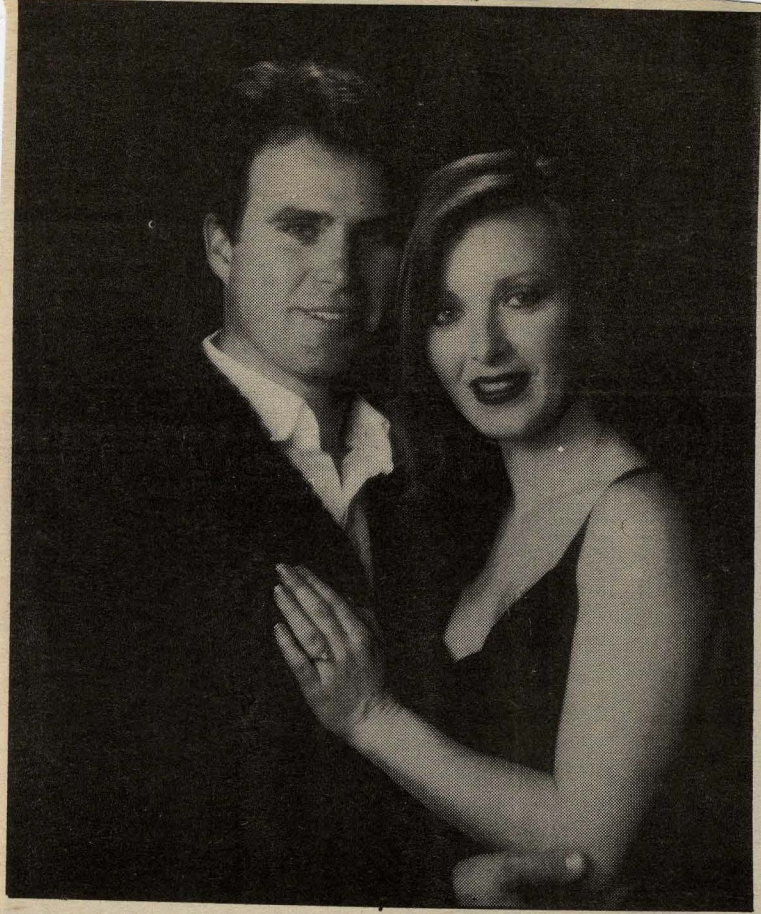


From Cindy, Barb and Ted Aug/87



JIM PRICE MANAGES THE ONTARIO Ambulance Operators' Association from Rodney's former Royal Bank building. Last week he appeared on Global TV to explain the ambulance attendants' strike and other association problems with the provincial governments.

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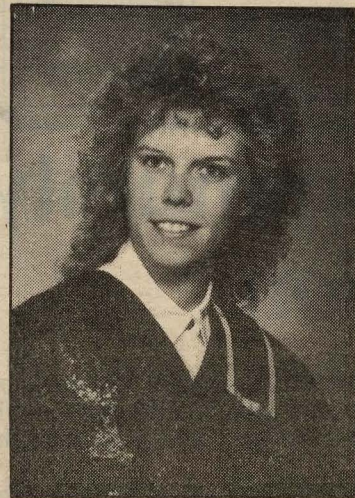


Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell of Wardsville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Penny Louise, to Derek Geddes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Geddes of London. The wedding will take place Saturday, February 2nd, 1991 in London.



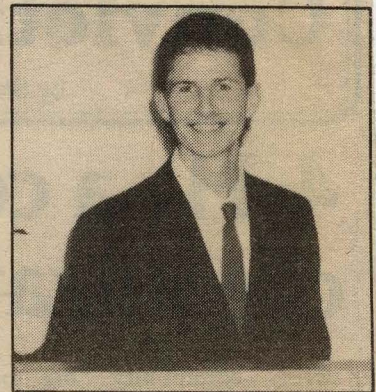
Jim and Sandy Holdaway of Rodney and Ron and Judy McIntyre of Clachan are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Tricia and Bill. The wedding will take place on June 17, 1995 at Calvary United Church, Rodney.

CONGRATULATIONS, 1990 GRADUATES



JULIE McWILLIAMS

Julie McWilliams, the daughter of Cam and Helen McWilliams of Clachan, graduated September 29, 1990 from the Radiography Program at Mohawk College. She is now employed as a Radiological Technician in the x-ray department at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington. (MSP)



PHILIP PAGE

Philip Page, the son of Dave and Pam Page of Rodney, successfully completed a three year Tool & Die Craftsmen Program at Mohawk College, September 28, 1990. He is currently working at Squire's Machine & Tool, in Thamesville. (MSP)



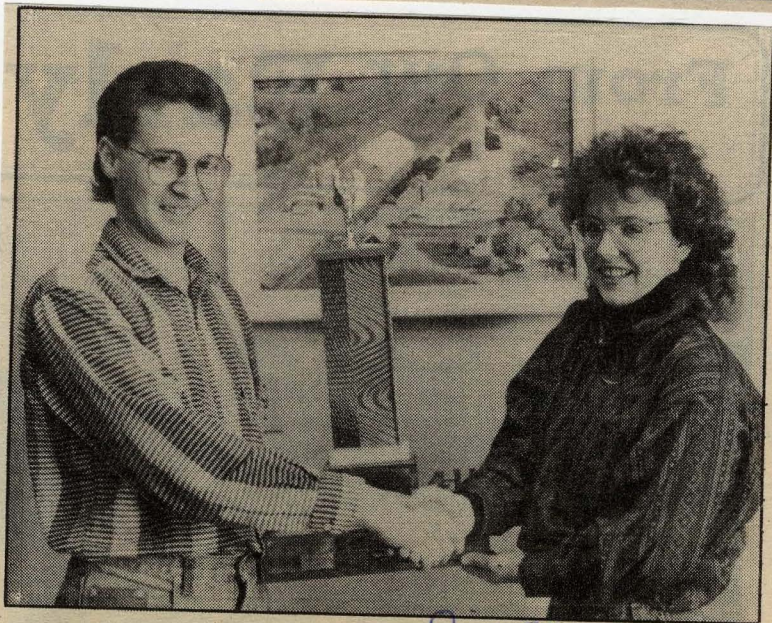
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McPhail of Wardsville and Mr. & Mrs. George Phillips of London are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Marie & Jason. The wedding will take place at the Rodney Baptist Church on June 19, 1993. The couple will be residing in London.

GRADUATE



CINDY WALKER

Cindy Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, graduated from the Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario, June 8th, 1991 with a Bachelor of Education degree. Cindy has accepted a teaching position with the Brant County Board of Education.

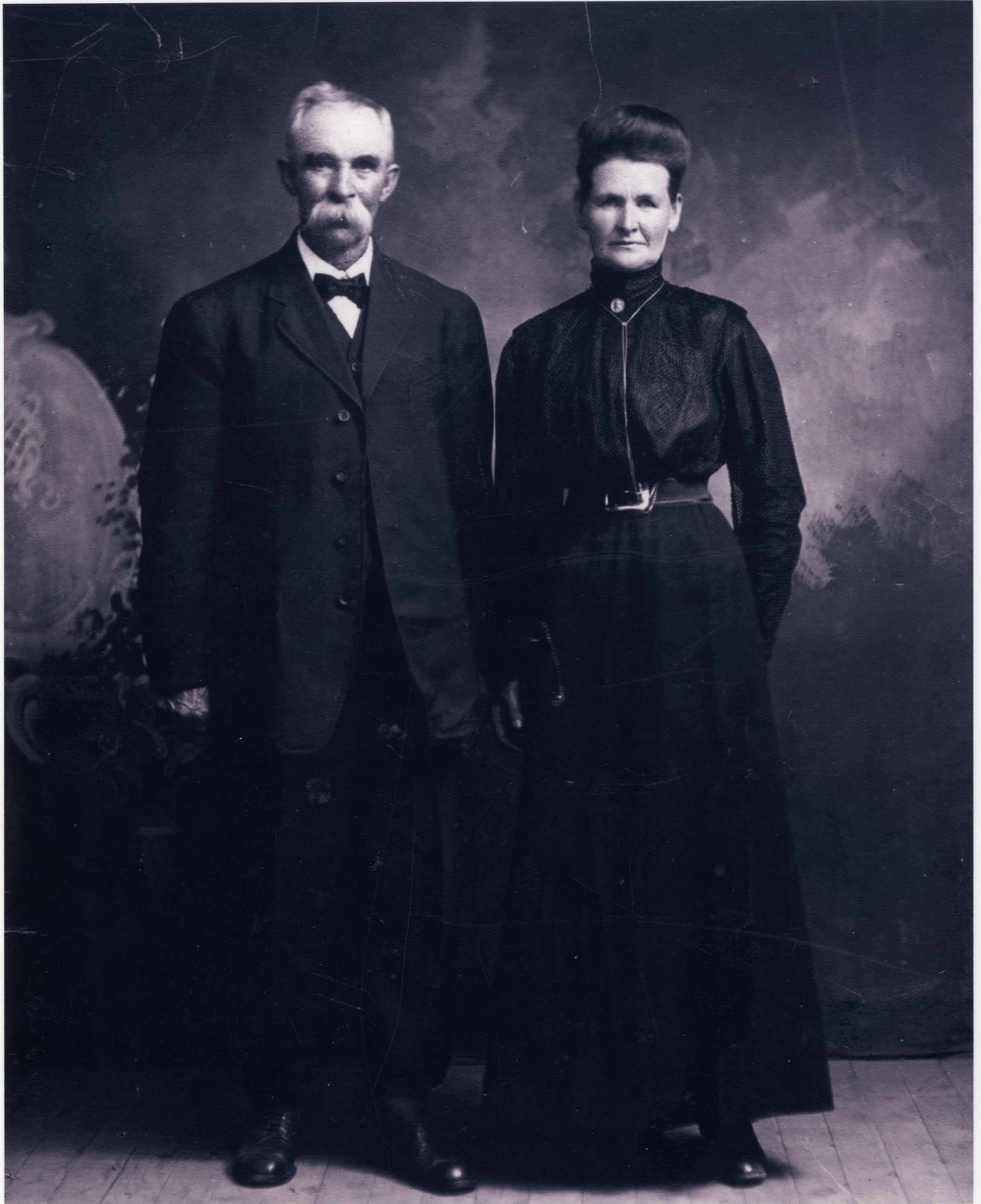


David Goos, left, presents Judy Woolner with a trophy for being the top 4-H member for Aldborough Township. The award was given by W. G. Thompson and Sons. Woolner is in her second year at Guelph University, studying Agricultural Studies.



BOUW - ALDERTON

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bouw, Dutton, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Marguerite to Kevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alderton, Wardsville. The wedding ceremony will take place in the garden of the bride's parents' home on August 29th, 1987, at 3:30 p.m.



*Mr. + Mrs Dougald Kennedy, Black's Lane
son Daniel Kennedy*



Mr. + Mrs. Dougald Kennedy
Black's Lane
son - Daniel Kennedy.

World War 1

Name: Alexander Gibb Campbell
Date of birth: Nov. 25, 1896.
Place of birth: Rodney
Parent's Names: Robert & Adda Campbell
Branch of Service: 92nd Battalion, 48th Highlanders, Toronto.
Rank on Leaving Service: Private.
Service Number: 193283
Date and Place of Enlistment: August 23, 1915.
Theatres of Service: Somme, Ypres, Passchendaele, Amiens,
Drocourt Queant Line, Canal du Nord,
Date and Place of Discharge: May 10, 1919, Toronto.
Other information:

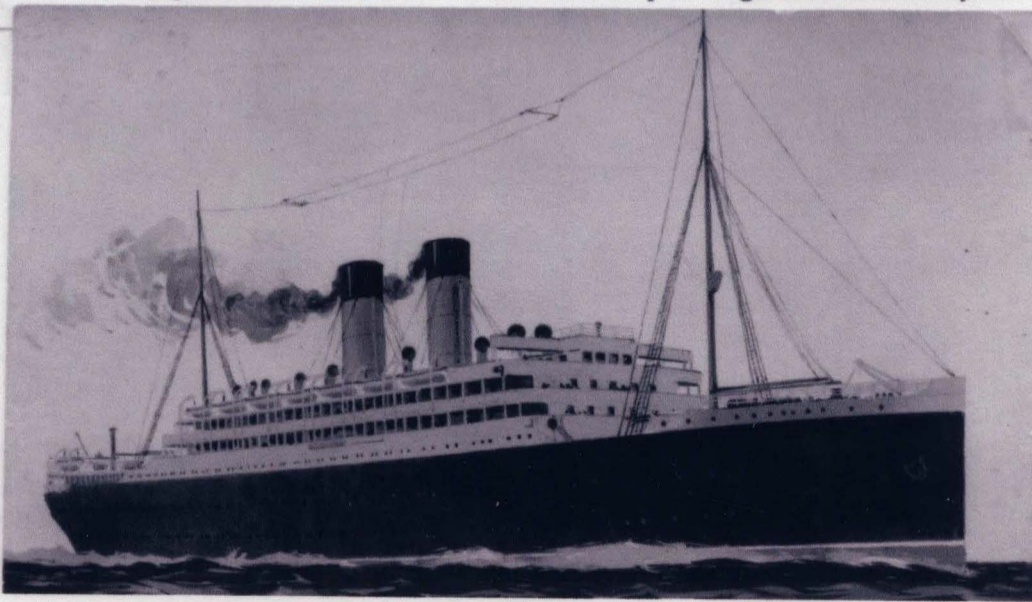


On September 26, 1916, in the front line in Death Valley at the Somme, Alex was hit 3 times. He received gun shot wounds to his right hand, shoulder and leg as well as shrapnel injuries. He crawled into the trench where a buddy took off his coat to dress the wound on his shoulder. In a few minutes a "High Ex" shell hit about ten feet away and blew the trench in and buried Alex, all except his feet. Someone pulled him out, but his coat stayed. A stretcher bearer later wrote to him saying, "When I first saw you Alex, you were at the dressing station on a stretcher with only your kilt, helmet and boots on. How you got there, I'll never know. You had been there for some time. You sure were plastered with shrapnel as there was not an inch of your body that could be seen other than blood. You were in shell shock and suffering great pain." He spent a few months in the hospital in England before returning to the front line. Incidentally, 50 yrs. later, a piece of shrapnel worked its way up to the surface of the skin on his hand!

Then on March 21, 1918, in the spring offensive at Passchendaele, he was again on the front line when he was ~~gassed~~ gassed and spent two weeks in the hospital.

After the war he returned home to the family farm, married a neighbour girl May Shaw, had two children Robert and Janet. He lived to the age of 83 and died June 24, 1980.

Left Toronto May 17/16—train to Halifax—boarded ship to England—arrived May 31/16..



R. M. S. Empress of Britain

Understanding here

Community best therapist for Twin Valleys' students

"This community is the best therapist Twin Valleys' residents could possibly have," George Bullied, organizer, builder, teacher and manager of the school at the east corner of Furnival and 3rd Con., recently told Rodney Kiwanians.

"Because students have been able to communicate with people in the area -- the business section mainly -- the myth about the establishment being their enemy has been completely dispelled," he pointed out.

"Everywhere they go, in stores, shops, on the street, etc., residents seem only too happy to talk with them, which students had not known previously," he added.

RECOGNIZED PROBLEM

In addition, he pointed out, that Kiwanis International was the first service club organization to recognize the drug problem and offer to help do something about it.

But one of the big problems in getting the public to understand is that there has been too much myth created about it from bad reporting, sensationalism, etc., which have combined to give a segment of the younger generation a bad aura.

This results in youth generally being linked with the drug scene or the youth culture, with the latter really incorporating more than drugs, because it includes youth alienated from society, other age groups, the educational system, plus being drop-outs from church.

Some have been of the opinion if youth would get rid of the drug stigma everything would be alright with them, but this isn't the case.

DRUG STIGMA

Because youths have been on drugs there is a stigma even against their families, resulting in youths being alienated from their parents.

This is not the parents' fault, because there is far more than parents interacting on youth -- school, peer groups, churches and social organizations," Mr. Bullied assured.

He said he set up Crossroads Canada near Windsor as a drug rehabilitation centre, with the assistance of St. Clair College, where kids were supposed to be able to get off drugs.

"But what do you do with kids on drugs in your attempt to wean them," he asked.

"In the 13 to 16 age group youth gradually lose contact with the main institutions. Then they go to the youth scene, are alienated and move on to the drug scene. But soon they find it is like going to the moon because it is unable to provide them with food, shelter, clothing, spending money, love, attentions, etc., thus the drug scene is unable to take care of their immediate and basic needs.

LOST LOT

"The 16 to 21 year age group have been to the moon and out of the main stream long enough they feel like they have been in jail. They realize they have lost a lot from life, but nobody seems to have the answer on how to bring them back into society.

"Not all these young people have been on drugs, however," Mr. Bullied assured, "but just been out of the main stream of life. Being out of the main stream they have lost out on social and spiritual aspects of life. Twin Valleys has set up a system where these young people can catch up on what they have lost and get back into the main stream and take their place in the seam of life again.

"Some young men I've had to deal with couldn't even handle a hammer at 18. Others at Crossroads were bisexual, or hadn't developed a strong



DORMITORIES ARE BEING BUILT AT TWIN VALLEYS SCHOOL by students using the same geodesic design for the roof as in the original classroom living quarters in the background.

enough male image because their fathers had been too busy getting ahead, so left raising sons to their wives.

BASIC NEEDS

"At Twin Valleys we put young fellows to work on the land and teach them to provide basic needs for survival -- food, clothing, shelter -- thus they learn skills they did not have previously and not likely would have been taught otherwise.

"This teaches them to rely on themselves so they have a better understanding of how their parents provided for them and how the system really works. In being involved this way they learn that you also have to rely on others to provide for you, as there is no such thing in life as strict independence, but rather interdependence.

"In addition, Twin Valleys is trying to teach social, psychological and religious skills, which students have missed out on. But mistakes will be made because there are no experts on the subject," Mr. Bullied pointed out.

"Fortunately, more and more young people are coming back to society and have to relearn ways and means of dealing with social problems through experimentation.

HIGH IQ'S

"Many of these young people have high IQ's and society needs them, because they have a lot to contribute. Because of this, eventually there likely will be a Twin Valleys type of operation in every county.

"The Chinese look after this problem very well, resulting in them not having any delinquents. Instead, their "bad kids" who are really the bright ones, are given special teachers, resulting in them becoming community leaders," Mr. Bullied explained.

Speaking about drug rehabilitation centres, he pointed out they are not

doing a very good job because they cannot give individual youths the time and attention they require when they require it.

"A 40-minute session with an "expert" every two weeks is the next thing to useless, because what happens between times if youth has temptations?" he questioned.

KEPT BUSY

"The answer to taking youths off drugs is to be with them all the time and available whenever they need strength. In addition, they have to be kept busy, and not have to wait around and fit into someone else's 40-minute preaching time slot every other week."

Mr. Bullied told of one youth who came to Twin Valleys with only grade nine education, but after working at manual labor during the day and studying at night he passed Income Tax Dept. and Central Mortgage and Housing exams in a few weeks, so found himself and now is a competitive and creative member of society.

LEARN RESPECT

"This is something no psycho's couch could have done, because such young people have to learn from personal experience, not heresy about how difficult it is to earn one's way after hand-outs from parents are no longer available.

"At Twin Valleys youths learn great respect even for water, because an adequate supply has cost each a lot of hard work. When it was in short supply they knew what it was to take a bath in a bucket full, so now they have some understanding of how difficult it was for their parents and grandparents to get established.

"They also have to learn from experience to acquire an appreciation for what previous generations have made available. Some of this they acquire in classroom studies, but the majority

is working at building their own shelter and next summer they will learn how to grow their own food.

"Last fall a gulley was dammed and the resulting reservoir will be stocked with fish, so that will require management to produce food. Trees will be planted, all of which will give youths there a better understanding of ecology," Mr. Bullied explained.

In conclusion, he said Twin Valleys is a beautiful piece of property and will be even moreso in the future after youths have worked on it."

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS

In a question and answer period it was pointed out that our educational system is losing sight of the elementary struggle for learning.

To this Mr. Bullied replied today's education is too limited and should include teaching some of the things each person requires to co-operate in life, which includes the spiritual.

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one," he said, "because if you see the result it is far more impressive than hearing someone tell about it.

"In addition to education not teaching what it should, parents are not spending enough time with their children," he pointed out, "and they do not exercise enough control over their children long enough, or until children are able to control themselves."

NEW GOD

"Another problem is the education system's using academic information as the new god!"

Technology is so worshipped humans are being put into a defunct position, resulting in a worship of false idols and not getting enough value for our education dollars. This is resulting in students not getting taught what they should be to be able to cope with life.

"Children also learn by observing parents, teachers and other elders, so when so many kids have been going wrong, have adults set bad examples?" Mr. Bullied questioned.

He stated society has been relying on experts to solve all the problems, but they not only haven't known the answers, they have been untruthful in not admitting it.

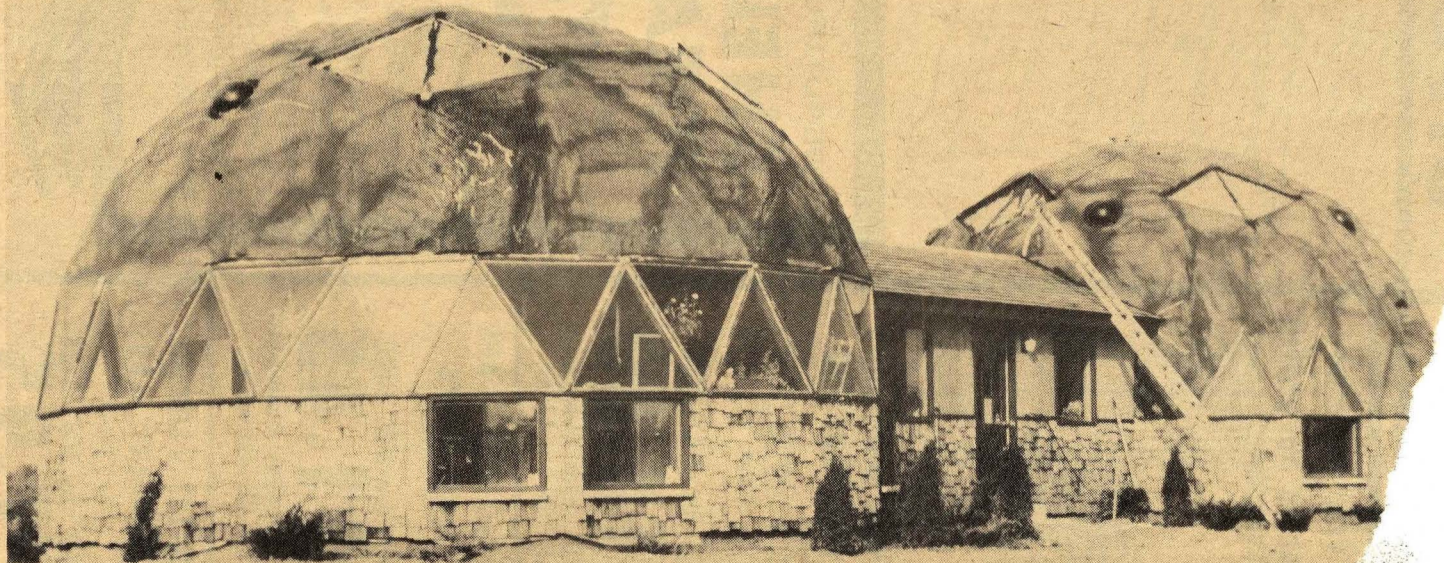
SEEK OPINIONS ONLY

As far as he is concerned the experts should only be asked for opinions by parents and then they should take it from there with their children, rather than the reverse of parents doing nothing and the offsprings being sent to the experts.

In conclusion, he pointed out that teachers are now coming to Twin Valleys to see how its system is being operated. Teachers normally tell what they know but for the first time students, who are the experts on their particular problems, tell teachers what it is all about.

"No one who has come to Twin Valleys has left because he did not like what was going on there. And this is the case despite the school being in its early stages of development and lacking all the luxuries of established institutions of learning.

"Mainly they have remained because they are given men's jobs to do and they like it, resulting in them not only learning to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, but getting other education as well to fit them to return into the main stream again.



TWIN VALLEYS' CLASSROOM-DORMITORY, which was built last fall, has had finishing touches applied this year and is now landscaped and looking very nice with its orange insul-

ated roof. The odd shaped buildings at the east corner of Furnival and the 3rd conc. continue to attract passerby and questions.

Community
Services

THE 1ST CLEAN-UP OF THE CENTURY

PITCH-IN ONTARIO,
PITCH-IN CANADA and Canada Trust's
Friends of the Environment Foundation
gratefully acknowledges the participation of

in environmental improvement projects during

The First Clean Up of the Century 2000 PITCH-IN CANADA Week

Hilda G. Morden
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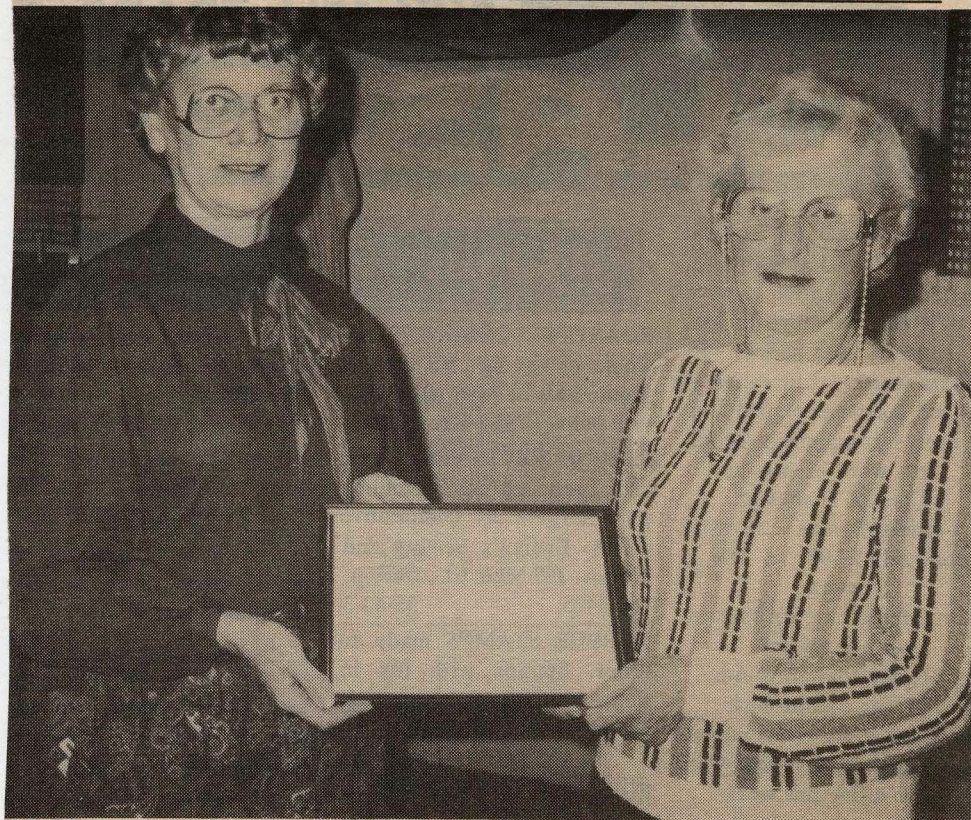


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Hilde Morden of R. R. 1, Rodney, was recently named president of the London Area Women's Institute. Mrs. Morden, left, is pictured here at the Institute's 76th Convention held in Exeter with Margaret Dale, 1st vice-president.



PRES. HILDE MORDEN OF KINTYRE WMS, presented Carolyn Smith, Chairman of the WMS' Recycling Committee, with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of her effort in the Recycling Awareness Program. Since organizing a year and a half ago, eight tons of glass have been collected and sold.

ed, awards presented



CLACHAN'S 4-H CLUB, "A taste of Ontario Fruits and Vegetables" was composed in the front row of Andrea and Julie Clements, Mary-Evelyn and Sharon Lather. Back row:

Leader Mary Vanderydt, Chantelle Van-Acker, Rebecca and Sherry Vanderydt and Judy Woolner. Absent were Jennifer and Shannon Newport and Dana Van Goethem.



Recycling Award

Anne Nogradi, left and Carolyn Smith are pictured here displaying the certificate that Carolyn received for winning the 1992 Ontario Waste Minimization Award. Carolyn is an active member of both the Kintyre Recycling Committee and the Highgate Women's Institute's fine paper project. Carolyn was nominated for the award by her Kintyre committee with Anne signing the official forms. *Mercury-Sun photo*

Kintyre recycler honoured



May 3, 2002. W.I members Kathy Johnston & Florence McIntyre presenting a cheque



- 2005
- Marg McDougall
Kintyre Recycling
 - Graham Warwick
Mayor
 - Norma Bryant
Clerk
 - Hilda Morden
Clachan W.I



VOLUNTEERS AT FOUR COUNTIES HOSPITAL WERE recognized for their continuing efforts Friday noon with a tea. Local volunteers in the front row are: Margaret McDougall, Anna Baker, Mary Payne, Donna Bowles and

Dorothy Doerr, both of Wardsville. Back row: Mary Nisbet of Wardsville, Georgina Fairles and Pauline Jensen of Rodney, Jean Sura of West Lorne, Helen Stinson of Rodney, Judy McIntyre of Clachan and Corinne Fleming of Wardsville.

Community
Facilities



Clachan Community Hall - 2000



Rodney's McMillan Brothers' Library has been beautified in front with this arrangement by Peter Jocius, courtesy of the Horticultural Society. Completed last week, the Society thought it too late to include flowers, so they will be added next season. The flower bed on the north side of the IOOF

Hall, at right, will also be planted with shrubs. The property's 100 year-old spruce trees, which village council intended cutting down, were saved by the Horticultural Society offering the planting, and Mr. Jocius advising against cutting the beautiful old, but sturdy trees.

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Clachan

Owners of the store - Tristan, Pike, Leo Cross, Mary
Ford Turk, Brennan, Hillman

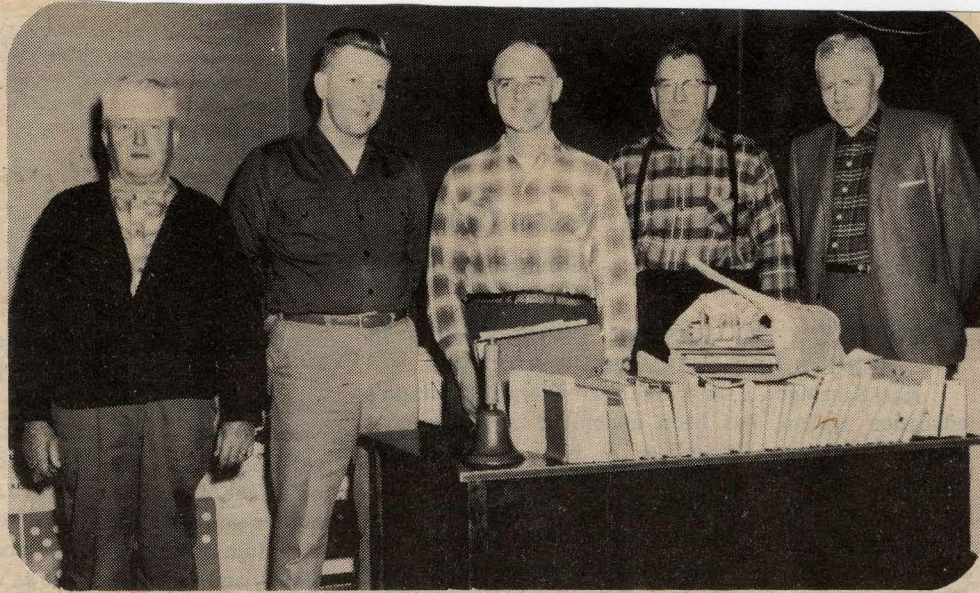
Faint handwritten notes, possibly a list of names or addresses, including "Tristan", "Pike", "Leo Cross", "Mary Ford Turk", "Brennan", "Hillman".

Industry, Trade
Commerce



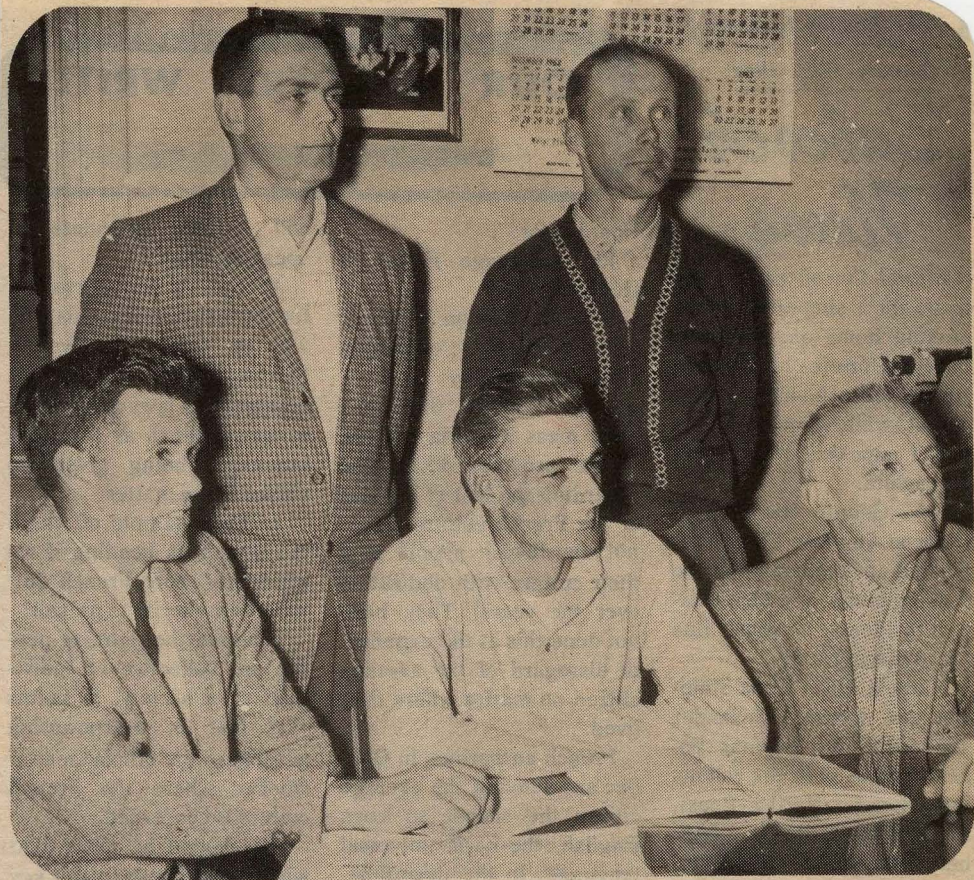
ORFORD CO-OP'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS TWO new members in the back row left: Tom Ford and Jim Loeters. They were elected at Saturday night's annual meeting at the International Club. In the front row are: Directors Cameron McLean and Jim Verhoeven, Manager

Marc. Caron, Sec. John Fleming and Director George Quinton. The other three directors in the back row are: Bill Downie, Bill Hyslop and Harold Miller. Directors Verhoeven, Loeters and Downie were elected to three-year terms, and Tom Ford to a two-year term.



Four Aldborough Public School secretary treasurers handed over their books and cash balances in January, 1964, at the Maple Grove School to Vincent Black, new secretary-treasurer of the Central School Board. Others in the south half of the township had done similarly earlier in the week. Standing

left to right, are: John C. Gillies, secretary-treasurer at Maple Grove for 42 years, Jim Purcell of the Wardsville School, Vincent Black, Murray Haines of the Ferndell School and J. R. Bandeen of the Chestnut Grove School.



Aldborough's Central School Board began its duties in January, 1964, with its first meeting in Rodney Community Hall. Taking over records of the various sections was discussed as well as how to proceed with plans for the construction of a new eight

grade central public school. Trustees pictured seated left to right, are: John Fleming, Chairman Donald Campbell and Maurice Mistele. Standing, left to right, are: Lyle Mann and Keith Kelly.

Odds + Ends
from past



U.S. Christmas Concert + Supper - 1984



Marion Fleming in bed



Jim Verhoeven
Janet Quinton
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Larry McIntyre



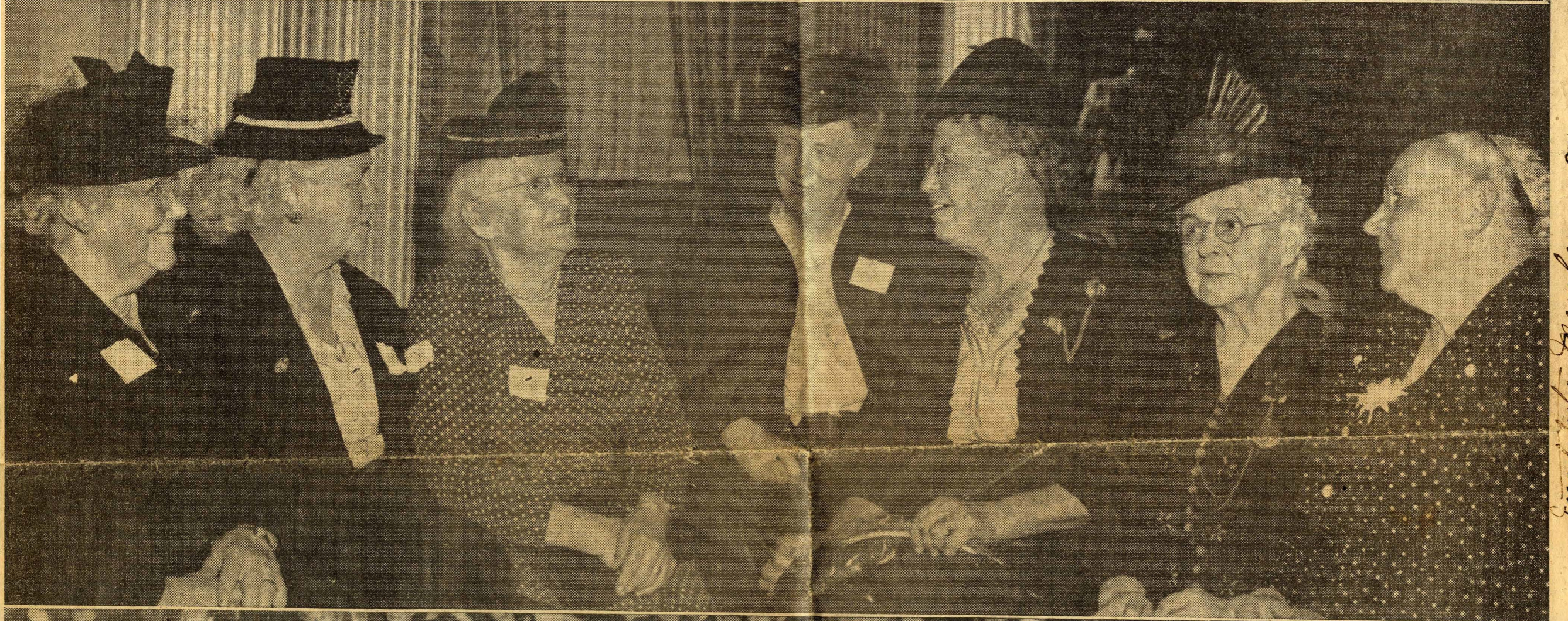
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MRS. GORDON WOOLNER, centre, was presented recently with a Women's Institute Life Membership for over 40 years of faithful service to the Clachan organization and community. Mrs. Harold Johnston and Mrs. Nelson Johnston made the presenta-



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REPRESENTING 199 BRANCHES OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE in Western Ontario, the largest delegation in the history of the London area is in attendance at the 33rd annual area convention here. More than 500 women from eight Western Ontario counties, Essex, Kent, Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, South Huron, South Perth and South and North Oxford, attended the opening

session of the three-day convention in Hotel London yesterday. On the platform were district and provincial officers, shown in the top picture. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Stanley Simpson, Bayham, area treasurer; Mrs. Newman Tuckey, Komoka, secretary; Mrs. Fred Oster, Blyth (at the microphone), area chairman; Miss Anna P. Lewis, provincial director of Women's Institutes;

Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen, Ottawa, first Institute speaker in Ontario, a special guest at the convention. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest, second vice-chairman; Mrs. Edmund Hansuld, Tavistock, first vice-chairman; Mrs. Bolton Fitzgerald, Thorndale, pianist; Mrs. E. Baker, Shedden, song leader. Middle picture shows a group of Institute members who have been interested

They are, left to right, Mrs. A. R. Kerr, Harrietsville; in branch and district work for more than 40 years. Mrs. Charles Priddle, Tillsonburg; Mrs. K. Shrier, Kerrwood, twice a district president; Mrs. H. G. Malloy, South Yarmouth, Mrs. George Young, Clandeboye, former district president; Mrs. George Simpson, Lyons, and Mrs. Charles Carter, Clandeboye. The lower picture shows a section of the large crowd in attendance.

Officers
 Smiling Members Over 40 Years

History of the Northwest Section of the Township of Aldborough. Elgin County

See page 10
The following pages are dedicated to the pioneers of the north west corner of the Township of Aldborough in the County of Elgin, which is now known as School Section No. 10. This section has the distinction of having the first white settlers in the County of Elgin, in the persons of Mr. James Fleming, his wife Barbara Fleming, and their two infant daughters, born at Fort Erie. May 5, 1794 and November 25, 1795 respectively.

It would appear that James Fleming who resided at Fort Erie, made several trips down the river to Detroit, with Governor Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, ^{and on the} ~~the~~ Thames River, and no doubt admired the beautiful scenery along the river Thames and decided to make his home on the south bank of the river a few miles east of the Moravian Mission at Fairfield, on the land later known as Lot Six Broken Front. Aldboro. Township where he settled in the year 1796. and which location was about three miles from what was later

*See on
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at that time*

the hamlet of Blachan. A child Henry Fleming was born to James and Barbara Fleming at this location on March 23, 1798 and this child was the first white child born in Elgin County. A second son, Andrew, was born March 24, 1800. (This information was verified by the late Doctor Fleming of Chatham, who was a grandson of James Fleming, in an article appearing in the St. Thomas Journal in the year 1896, the one hundredth anniversary of the settling of Elgin County).

Upon locating on the bank of the Thames River, James Fleming proceeded to build a log cabin, and cleared a considerable amount of land upon which he built other buildings.

In the war of 1812 Fleming and his family were driven from their home by the invading army of General Harrison, their home was burned and the family were forced to flee to the Moravian Mission where they took shelter for a time. After this the Flemings settled for a time in the Township of Dawn. Later they returned to the old home on the bank of the Thames River, where James Fleming died on September 8th 1838. And was

buried in a private burying ground on the homestead, at the age of 78 years. This inscription may be examined on the marker in the cemetery. His wife Barbara died on September 7. 1862 at the age of 88 years and was buried in the same cemetery.

The first, second and third concessions were surveyed in the year 1797, ^{from the west line} and in the year 1823. The next settler in the person of John Gibb took up land next to James Fleming. From 1840 ~~to 1846~~ the land on the first concession was settled by Messrs. Alexander Campbell, Alexander Cameron, John Patterson, David Patterson Peter J^r & Co. Outyre, John McKillop Dougald B. Campbell. In 1848 and on settlers moved in on the third and second concessions.

In 1830. the Scotts ^{James & Muckle} moved in on the 4th concession. ~~The~~ ^{James & Muckle} Scott owned the farm on the 3rd concession (which joined the land on the 4th. (D. McLean's place) and which was later owned from the year 1848 by Archibald Purcell. James Scott moved on what was later the Campbell farm. 4th concession.

From 1848 to 1862 ~~the~~ Philip Kearns.
Colin McPherson. Samuel Carson moved in
on the second concession, and on the
Third concession. Archibald Purcell. Hugh
McLean. Patrick Doyle. Duncan Ferguson
John Hillman. Neil McLarty. James Fisher
Duncan McColl. John Kennedy, ^{Duncan McPherson} Angus Argueham
William Graham. George Lindsay. Murdoch
McLeod, and on the fourth concession
Duncan McLean. John Campbell, John
McDonald, Duncan McPhail. Following
shortly were the Snyders, Taylors
Patons, Smiths, Willys, Dills, Manns
settling on the first, the Leitchs
and Kings on the second, the
Johnstons and Woolners on the
third and the Allens and Moores
on the fourth concession. Descendants
of these are still living in the vicinity

The Blachan W. I. with other branches
observed the Fiftieth Anniversary in June 1947
It was in February 1897 that the first
Womens Institute was organized in
Stoney Creek, Ont., by Mrs. Adelaide
Hodgless.

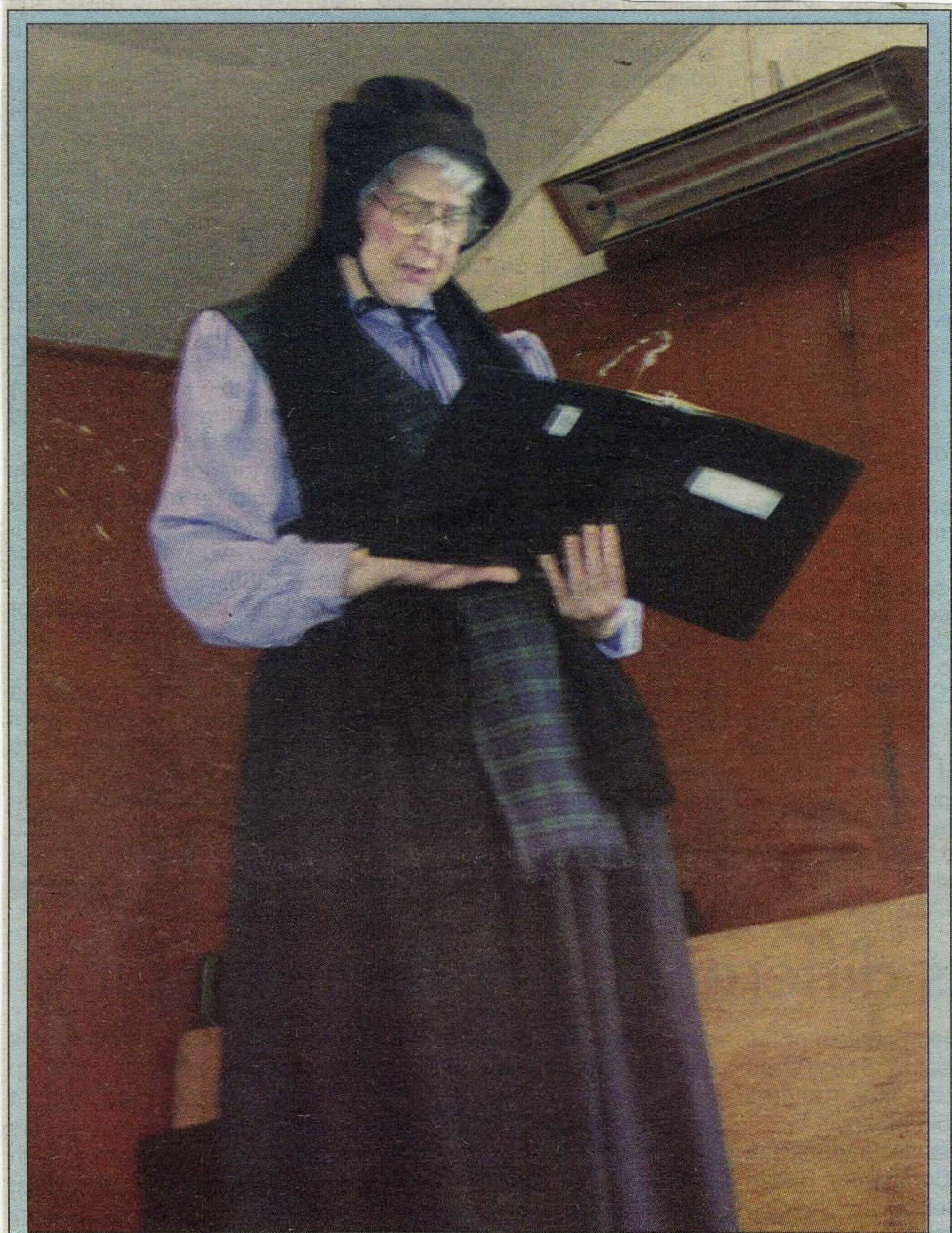
To celebrate the 50th Anniversary, a picnic
was held on the grounds of the Ontario
Agricultural College, Guelph on June 18
1947, when an estimated crowd of 11,000
women assembled, this being one of
the largest women's gatherings ever
held in the Dominion.
A number from Blachan Institute attended

Mrs. Earl Morden retires as Sec.-Treas. Federated Women's Institutes of Ont



Hilde Morden

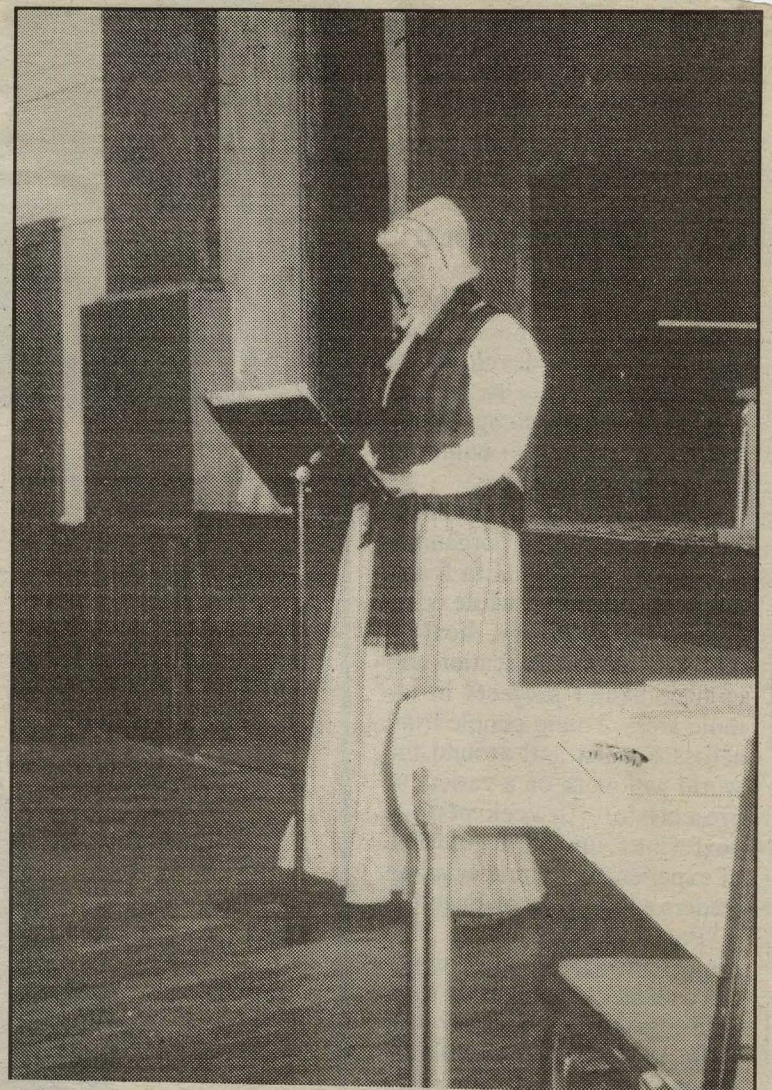
March 4, 2004



HISTORICAL CELEBRATION...

Alice Paterson portrays Nelly Campbell, one of the first settlers arriving at Port Glasgow. The depiction was part of an historical presentation at the Clachan Women's Institute's 90th anniversary celebrations held last Wednesday at the Clachan Hall. See Page 7 for the full story.

Chronicle photo



Alice Paterson portrayed Nellie Campbell and spoke about her sea voyage from Scotland in 1819 at a special meeting of Clachan W.I., marking the 100th year of the Women's Institute last week.

Clachan W.I. marks 100th anniversary

Clachan Women's Institute enjoyed a special 100th celebration of the founding of the Women's Institutes at Clachan Hall, last Monday evening.

Twenty-four members and guests were present. Ruth Johnston from Chatham came the farthest. President Madeleine Cross gave a welcome and lit the candle for 100 years of Women's Institute.

President Madeleine told of the story of Mary Stewart.

The first minutes of W.I. February 19, 1897 was read by Christine Johnston, assistant secretary and Madeleine gave the president's address of 100 years ago.

Tribute to W.I. was given by Willa Johnston. Singsong was led by Hilde Morden, accompanied by Shirley Johnston, piano.

Did you know that, was supplied by members Alma Johnston, Helen McWilliams, Jill and Julie Morden, Hilde Morden and Shirley Johnston. There was a display of clothing and articles of 100 years ago by

Lois Woolner and Shirley Johnston, called Inherited Treasures.

Margaret McDougall introduced Nellie Campbell, portrayed by Alice Paterson, telling of her experiences coming over from Scotland in 1819, settling in Port Glasgow.

She had with her the picture of Nellie's Hill painted by Dr. J. Mac Paterson and poem On Landing Of Scottish Families At Nellie's Hill, written by John Black Ferguson, noted author at Eagle in 1928.

Janet Quinton thanked Alice and presented her with a gift.

Jill and Julie Morden sang The Institute Prayer to the tune Bless This House. Lunch was as it would have been 100 years ago, tea biscuits and jam, sugar and date trillies, gingerbread cake and whipped cream.

Tweedsmuir History curator books were viewed bringing back many happy memories of community and meetings. Betty Purcell is curator.

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CLACHAN WI IS 50 YEARS OLD—Three charter members of Clachan Women's Institute were present yesterday when the branch marked its 50th anniversary. A birthday party, held in the community hall, was attended by members of neighboring institutes. A special guest was Mrs. Vermont Pow, president of West Elgin District Women's Institute. Shown, left to right, front row, are Mrs. Garnet Long, Clachan,

charter member, past president and presently a director; Miss Frances Johnston, Bothwell, charter member and a past president. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Harold Johnston, president of Clachan W. I.; Mrs. Ruth Johnston, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Pow; Mrs. John W. Campbell, charter member and first secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. R. Futcher, R. R. 1, St. Thomas, guest speaker and past F. W. I. O. president.—(T.-J. Photo)

Clachan WI Marks Golden Anniversary

Yesterday was a most important one for the 25 members of Clachan Branch of the Women's Institute, for their Branch was 50 years old. The day was marked in fitting style, with guests from visiting institutes, and the West Elgin District president and secretary also present.

Mrs. J. R. Futcher of Middlemarch, past president of F. W. I. O. was guest speaker.

A highlight of the day's program was a history of Clachan Branch, covering its formation, and its accomplishments during the half century of its existence. One of its major projects has been the modernization of the Clachan Community Hall, and the building which is the recreation centre and meeting place for the surrounding area, is also the scene of the annual Hallowe'en party; of social evenings; card parties and dances, all sponsored by the W. I.

Donations of money are made to various worthwhile causes all through the year, and special remembrances are sent to the sick and bereaved of the community.

Mrs. Harold Johnston is president and Mrs. Ruth Johnston, the secretary-treasurer.

Vocal selections were given by a trio, composed of Mrs. Gordon Woolner, Mrs. Garnet Long and Mrs. Wright, while Mrs. Robert Walker, West Lorne, sang a solo following the memorial service.

Refreshments and a social hour concluded the memorable afternoon.

Clachan WI celebrates 75th

Over 90 enjoyed a potluck supper and celebration of the Clachan Women's Institute's 75th Anniversary, held at the home of Shirley Johnston.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Roy (Kathleen) Downie, daughter of the first president, Mrs. James Trestain attend. Kathleen took the minutes at the first meeting.

Also in attendance were the Twin Branch, North Yarmouth and the district officers.



Norine Woolner

Mrs. Gordon (Norine) Woolner was honoured with a 50-year membership pin for her valuable contribution to the Clachan Women's

Institute over many years. Lyle Mann gave an interesting and humorous dialogue of people and community events of the past.



CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE held a tea last Thursday afternoon and evening to raise money for the Elgin Cancer Society. The tea was held in the Community Hall with a crowd of over 200 women attending from all over the county. Six hundred and twenty-eight dollars were raised to help the Society continue its good works among cancer patients in the

county. Seated is Mrs. Roy McNeil, Dutton, district representative on the provincial board of the Women's Institute. Standing are: Mrs. Earl Morden, Mrs. Roy Alderton, Mrs. Neil McPhail, Mrs. Allan Woolner, Mrs. Nelson Johnston, Mrs. J. Donald Johnston, Mrs. James Purcell, president of the Institute, Mrs. Donald Wright and Mrs. John Purcell.

For a quarter, you could join the Clachan W.I.

Women's Institute celebrates 90th anniversary

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

For 25 cents, 41 women came together 90 years ago to form the Clachan Women's Institute.

That was the fee to become a member of the institute that celebrated its 90th anniversary last Wednesday.

Shirley Johnston and Florence McIntyre, members of the institute since the 1940s, shared some of its history with guests who came to the celebration at the Clachan Hall.

Johnston said it started from a farmers' meeting being held by the Elgin provincial government representative, Charles Buchan.

While the history remains sketchy, he had brought a woman from Bright with him who brought the ladies together at the same time for a separate meeting.

Letitia Trestain of the local general store, offered her home for the meeting.

It was that first gathering that formed the inspiration to creating a women's institute for Clachan and on Feb. 10, 1914, with

help from the Highgate Women's Institute, the Clachan W.I. was formed.

"Within a few months, 41 ladies paid the 25 cent membership fee," said Johnston.

Trestain became the institute's first president and her granddaughter, Mary Gray (Downie) was there Wednesday to hear her grandmother honoured.

Since its formation, the institute worked hard through two world wars to send packages of clothing, knitting and supplies to soldiers and people in need of relief overseas.

The group of women has worked hard to maintain and upgrade the hall over the years and has also helped organize a local 4-H Club.

The organization helps support the Canadian Cancer Society, takes part in ditch clean ups for national Pitch-In Week each year and caters everything from birthday parties to funeral receptions.

The group also helps brighten the days of people who are sick with cards, flowers or gift baskets.



Jill Morden, left, and her sister Julie Morden sing during the Clachan Women's Institute's 90th anniversary celebrations last Wednesday.

Chronicle photo

West Elgin Mayor Graham Warwick said the institute has been an important part of the history of Clachan but he also said it's "important to the future of West Elgin where citizens groups like yourselves really make a difference in the world. It comes from the heart."

Former mayor Duncan McPhail also offered words of encouragement to the group, remembering having both a mother and grandmother who were members.

"There are so many memories that I remember vividly," he said.

"I can remember being in my room upstairs and

the ladies in the house singing," he said, adding the Clachan W.I. has been a strong organization.

"Anytime there was ever a need in this community, this organization was a phone call away, always filling a need," he said.

"From the bottom of my heart, I say 'thank you for doing what you're doing,'" said McPhail.

The celebration included guest speakers from area institutes and special entertainment including an historical reading from Alice Paterson, portraying Nelly Campbell, one of the first settlers arriving at nearby Port Glasgow.



1913

March, 1975.



PREPARE FOR MEETING — Leaders of the east and west districts of the Women's Institute groups met at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum this morning to plan for

the May 26 rally where they will elect the annual officers. Pictured from left are, Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, Mrs. Lenore Butler, Mrs. Mary Gow, and Mrs. Beulah McWilliam. — (T.-J. Photo).

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RETIRED MPP JACK SPENCE WAS GIVEN A STANDING ovation when he took the speaker's stand last Wednesday night in Ridgeway Arena, where 600 friends and party members joined to pay him tribute for 22 years of faithful and

devoted service to the riding. In the gift-wrapped box at left was a piece of luggage, which Jack will use on a trip to Europe, the trip also being given him by the gathering.

Picture Courtesy Ridgeway Dominion.



*Incline Railway, Port Stanley
Francis Johnston, Annie Taylor, Margaret Leitch, Mabel Paton*





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OUTSTANDING - Pam Hills was recently presented with a Drugstore Outstanding Service Award in Toronto for her efforts in putting a Home Healthcare Centre together at the Glencoe Pharmacy. Having worked as a pharmaceutical technician in Glencoe for four years now, she felt that the Centre was important in offering equipment and supplies so that they don't need to travel to the city. Pharmacy owner Zul Somani congratulates her on her achievement, winning one of only 12 awards presented in Canada.

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COFFEE BREAK FOR CANCER...

The Kensington Club of Lawrence Station hosted a West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Tea and Coffee Break Oct. 25.

Submitted photo
Kathy Johnston being served



April 1972

CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DISPLAY AT THE FWIO'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY was arranged Thursday by Mrs. Edward Johnston and Mrs. Earl Morden. The branch had one of many displays at Elgin WI's observance of the anniversary of the Federation Women's Institutes of Ontario held in St. Thomas.

Clachan W.I. 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of Clachan W. I. was held in the Clachan Hall on Feb. 10.

The president, Mrs. Harold Johnston, presided and opened the meeting in the usual manner, by the singing of "The Ode" and repeating, "The Mary Stewart Collect" in unison.

Our Institute was organized 50 years ago with a membership of forty-one, fourteen still living of which six were present for the anniversary party.

District Officers, neighboring Institutes from West Lorne, Crinan, Rodney and Bothwell, as well as friends were welcomed by the president.



50th ANNIVERSARY— Mrs. John W. Campbell, the Clachan WI's original secretary-treasurer, cuts the Cake at their 50th Anniversary celebration last week. Looking on are at left, Mrs. Harold Johnston, president, and Mrs. Harold Johnston, secretary-treasurer. (Times Photo)



ATTEND DISTRICT ANNUAL — One hundred and two members of 16 Women's Institute Branches in West Elgin attended the 57th District Annual, held yesterday in Shedden United Church, with Shedden W. I. as hostess group. Among those in attendance were Mrs. A. J. Getter, Fullarton, London Area W. I. president; Mrs. Vermont Pow, R.R. 7, St. Thomas,

past president of West Elgin W. I.; Mrs. Roy McNeil, Dutton, F.W.I.O. Board Member for Zone 21; Mrs. Harold Johnston, Wardsville, first vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Parks, Shedden, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Jackson, Fingal, who was elected West Elgin president, was unable to attend due to illness. (T.-J. Photo).



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Historical amalgamation of Elgin W.I. Districts

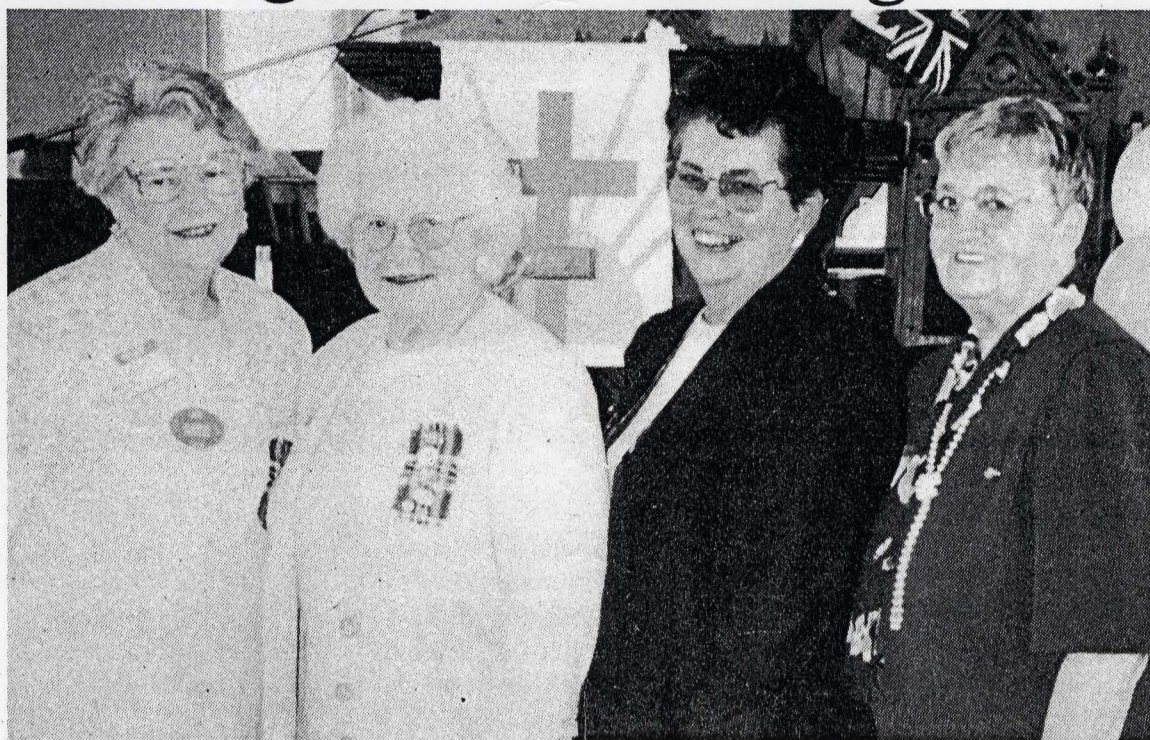
Elgin West District Women's Institute held their 90th annual meeting in Fingal United Church hosted by Boxall Branch of the Women's Institute, on Wednesday, May 13th. Theme for the day, "A new beginning that starts with you." The Opening Ode was sung followed by the Mary Stewart Collect commencing the meeting.

Eleven District Directors were ratified by Board Director Willa Johnston.

Correspondence from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs advised the W.I. of the upcoming structural change which will be better able to serve rural districts. President Ann McLean, in her address, spoke on the theme expressing desire as the new District of Elgin County Women's Institutes, to combine efforts to promote the activities of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. The new Elgin County District Women's Institute was to be effective following amalgamation at the afternoon session.

Reports of the secretary, treasurer, financial examiners, program co-ordinator, Public Relations Officer, Tweedsmuir History curator, Farm Safety representative and Elgin County Pioneer Museum were presented as well as a Cancer Tea report. Boxall W.I. Branch will host this event in Fingal United Church October 24th in the form of a Coffee Break.

Following the noon luncheon the Elgin County W.I.



FIRST EXECUTIVE FORMED - With the amalgamation of East and West into the Elgin County District Women's Institute last week, history was made in the organization. Local W. I. members installed on the new executive include, left to right: Eleanor McMillan, public relations officer; Ann McLean, president; Grace Campbell, secretary-treasurer, and Rena Campbell, Elgin County Pioneer Museum representative.

May 20, 1998

Scholarship was presented to Mary Margaret Vanhoucke by Grace Campbell, chair of this committee.

Betty Van Patter and Grace Campbell reviewed the past history of Elgin East and Elgin West Districts followed by a candle lighting service uniting the two districts as one and to be known in future as the Elgin County District Women's Institute. The afternoon session commenced with singing "Hymn of all Nations".

Wallacetown Branch led in the In Memoriam service.

The Ratification of District Directors for the Elgin County District Women's Institute was conducted by Provincial Board Director Willa Johnston.

New By-laws for the District were approved. London Area President Gladys Egleton installed the 1998-99 Executive as follows:

President, Ann McLean, Port Stanley; 1st vice-president, Madeline Jenkins, Belmont; 2nd vice-president, Mary Veenstra, St. Thomas; secretary-treasurer, Grace Campbell, Iona Station; program co-ordinator, Pauline Lindsay, St. Thomas; assistant program co-ordinator, Julie Morden, Rodney; Public Relations

Officer, Eleanor McMillan, Dutton; Resolutions, Betty Van Patter, St. Thomas; Tweedsmuir Curator, Evelyn Hashal, Springfield; assistant curator, Sally McIntyre, Dutton; Pioneer Museum representatives Rena Campbell and Marion McKenzie; Farm Safety, Shirley Bechard and Mary Ann Caughell; Financial Examiners, Joanne Erickson and Joan Mansell. Provincial Board Director Willa Johnston presented the report of the FWIO March meeting noting that Branch membership fees are to be submitted May 31st beginning in '98 to district treasurers.

Upcoming dates to remember included Induction of Peggy Knapp into Milton

Farm Museum Hall of

Fame June 14th; noon luncheon at Erland Lee Home June 16th; Elgin County Pioneer Museum Strawberry Social June 24th; Farm Safety Day Camp at Belmont Community Centre, Straffordville, July 15th; London Area Convention, October 22nd in Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre; Cancer Coffee Break at Fingal United Church October 24th.

Entertainment was provided by the Kingsmill Mapleton W.I. Branch.

Yarmouth Glen Branch extended an invitation to all branches to attend the 1999 District Annual, with date at place to be announced later.

Mary Veenstra extended courtesies for the day. Singing of 'O' Canada concluded the meeting.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A list of events in the Dutton, Wallacetown, Shedden and Melbourne and surrounding areas. Published to help organizations avoid scheduling more than one event on the same date:

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- May - Mondays Quilting 1 p.m., Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
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- May - Tuesdays, Bridge, Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
- May - Wednesdays Coffee Break, 9-11 a.m., D. D. Adult Club
- May - Fridays, Quilting, 1 p.m., Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
- May 21 - Euchre Card Party, Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
- May 22 - Col. Talbot Anniversary Dinner, D.D.C.C., 7 p.m.
- May 23 - D.D. Horticultural Society Plant Sale, 8 a.m.
- May 24 - Pearce-Williams Spring Beef Dinner, 4-6:30 p.m.
- May 25 - D.D. Hort. Society - Moore Water Garden, 7 p.m.
- May 27 - Euchre Card Party, Iona, at 8 p.m.
- June - Mondays Quilting 1 p.m., Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
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- June - Fridays, Quilting, 1 p.m., Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
- June 3 - Lions Bingo, D.D. Community Centre, 7:15 p.m.
- June 3 - Birthday Party, 2 p.m., Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club
- June 4 - Euchre Card Party, D. D. Adult Club, 8 p.m.
- June 10 - Euchre Card Party, Iona, at 8 p.m.
- June 12, 13, 14 - Rosy Rhubarb Weekend, Shedden
- June 13 - Youth Talent Search, Dutton Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- June 15 - D.D. Hort. Society, Mezenberg Perennials, 7 p.m.
- June 18 - Euchre Card Party, D. D. Adult Club, 8 p.m.
- June 20 - D.D. Lions Bingo Country, St. Thomas, 10:30 p.m.
- June 21 - Father's Day Breakfast, Middlemiss Hall, 8-1 p.m.
- June 24 - Strawberry Social, St. John's United Church
- June 22 - Blood Donor Clinic, D.D. Comm. Centre, 5-8:30 p.m.
- June 24 - Euchre Card Party, Iona, at 8 p.m.
- June 25 - D.D. Lions Bingo Country, St. Thomas, 9:45 a.m.
- July 8 - Lions Bingo, D.D. Community Centre, 7:15 p.m.

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**CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
OBSERVE MAY DAY WITH
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A very impressive service was conducted on Monday afternoon, May 10th, at The Purcell, MacLean cemetery, when about one hundred of a company witnessed the planting of two weeping birch trees under the auspices of the C. W. I., to Private Nelson Doyle and Fred Meyer, who gave their lives for us during the Great War.

During the planting of the trees by Messrs Purcell and MacLean the ladies sang their blessing and a short service followed by Rev. Windus, of the Baptist Church, officiating. A brief address by Rev. Gilpin, of Rodney, in which he endorsed the landable efforts of the Women's Institute, and conveyed the sympathy of the community to the mothers of the fallen comrades. The dedication of the trees by Rev. Hosie of the Kintyre Presbyterian church followed, and an address by the same in which he emphasized the nobility of the self sacrifice rendered by our soldiers, not for the sake of gain, but rather for the sake of protecting the world against militarism and for the maintenance of democracy. He favoured the disarmament movement, and that all the world should learn to settle disputes without war as man with man. He also requested that each should keep a place in his heart for the returned soldier.

In keeping with the military honours, the minute gun was twice fired over each tree by Pte. Earl Peace and Mr. J. F. Bateman in the absence of Pte. Joe. Kearns.

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the

The larks, still bravely singing,
fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

We are the Dead, Short Days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now
we lie

In Flanders field.
Take up the quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we
throw
The torch, be yours to hold at
high.

If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep though
poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Immediately following the service, the company proceeded to plant a rose bush in honour of the late Mrs. Mary A. Downie, in appreciation of her willing service in assisting the C. W. I. During the planting by Messers Patterson and Johnston the members sang a blessing, while all stopped to place a "bleeding heart" blossom on the grave as a symbol of their emotion.

SPECIAL SALE OF MILLINERY



Charter members of Clachan Women's Institute attended the 50th birthday party in Clachan Hall in February, 1964. Of the 41 charter members only six ladies attended. They are, left to right: Mrs. Roy Downie, Bothwell; Mrs. Garnet Long, Clachan, who served eight years as president on three different occasions, Mrs. John W. Campbell, the WI's original secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Johnston, Mrs. Francis Johnston, who was president in 1927, and Mrs. Tong of Port Stanley. Here Mrs. Campbell is seen cutting the anniversary fruit cake.

Rodney Mercury Feb. 16/89

Women's Institute Carol

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

A golden chain of kindred minds
Extends from sea to sea,
And links the thousands, each to each,
In Canada, the free.
In union there is strength, 'tis said—
Divided, we are weak;
So wife and mother, daughter, maid,
Each other's' welfare seek.

From household worries, cares and toils
As sisters now we meet
To strengthen, hearten and assist
With mutual counsel sweet;
For common weal our hands are joined,
We work with might and main,
Let each for all, and all for each,
Our watchword still remain.

From north to south, from east to west,
Our hearts in concord beat,
With genial helpfulness and love
We one another greet.
Then let us dedicate our powers,
A loyal, happy band,
And live for God, and truth, and right,
For home, and native land.

—Louis E. Williams.



CLACHAN 4-H HOMEMAKING CLUB:
 Front row; Ruth Anne Woolner, Christine Hillman, Julie Morden, Alison Beer, Rhonda Long, Theresa Verhoeven, Susan

Quinton and Pam Johnston. Back row:
 Ruth Anne Newport (leader), Jill Morden, Janet Jamieson, Anieta Bharij, Jennifer

Newport, Janice Mann, Marie McPhail,
 Judy Woolner, Julie McWilliams, Hedwig VanAsten, and Lois Woolner (leader).



Collections



*Carolyn Quinton, Mark Quinton
 Mark carried the torch at Eagle
 for the Olympics - 1987
 Carolyn received the athletic award for WESS*

S. S. #8, Maple Grove School Opening by Dugald Shaw
1946

This address was written by Janet Quinton's maternal grandfather, Dugald Shaw for the opening of the new school - Maple Grove - #8 on Furnival Road N. Unfortunately he died a month before the opening. His grandson Robert Campbell read the address. The year was 1946
Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I was requested by one of your trustees to give a history of School Section No. 8 (known as Maple Grove) as far back as I can remember and I consider it a privilege as well as an honour to be chosen for the task.

I am now in my ninetieth year and I am very thankful that I still have a vivid recollection of my boyhood days.

For about 83 years there were only 4 school houses along the Furnival Road, one at the extreme north end near the Thames River, another on the 4th concession about 125 rods west of the Furnival Road, another on Middle Street known as the Mc Bride School and the fourth at New Glasgow. There was another school built when the M. C. railroad was built in the year 1872. Later on the school on the 4th concession was replaced by one built on the corner of my Father's farm on the 5th concession and was known as the Shaw School. It was built on the lot that my Father had reserved

for the location of a Presbyterian Church, but when Orford joined with Aldborough to build the church, the building was placed at the most central place for both townships and is known as Kintyre Church because most of the people living on the 5th concession came from a place called Kintyre in Scotland, hence the reason for calling it such.

The Furnival Road was first called the Infernal Road, owing to the sticky, muddy condition of the road in the spring when the frost surfaced. After the road had been drained and well gravelled, the name was changed to Furnival Road.

In many places logs had to be placed side by side as close as possible and earth thrown on top to make it passable. This was called a corduroy road.

To relate some of the interesting stories of the hardships of the pioneers who came to this country, one old lady known as Granny Scott, whose descendants still live in the township, decided to visit a neighbour. At the time of this incident each family had their log house built in the forest out of sight of their neighbours.

* It being bright moonlight she had no trouble following the trail

When they wanted to visit a neighbour they had to follow a trail through the woods to get there.

One afternoon Granny Scott undertook the task. It was night when she started home on the trail through the woods.

* She had not gone far when she noticed a large beast coming towards her and found it was a bear. To show the courage and presence of mind she had, she at once removed her petticoat which was made of very strong material with a very strong cord at the waist, with a loop at one end to keep it in place. When he got close enough to attack, he stood on his hind legs. She at once threw the loop over his head and pulled on the cord. She pulled so hard on the cord that she finally choked the bear to death. She went home and told the folks that she had killed a bear, so ^{on} going back they found the corpse which proved her story.

My mother often told of the raids the wolves made on the cattle. When the cattle heard the howling of the wolves, the strongest cattle would form a ring with the calves & the weaker cattle on the inside. When the wolves came close enough, the cattle would kill them with their hooves which caused the others to scatter.

When my father came from Scotland to this country as a boy in the year 1844 he worked for 8 dollars per month for the first year. After the first year it varied. In nine years time he saved enough money to buy 100 acres of land, paying \$300.⁰⁰ and \$100.⁰⁰ for a yoke of oxen. His land he bought is where Rodney now stands, on the west side of main street. Later on he traded it for the farm now owned by George Shell. That's the farm where all the Shaw family were born.

Some ask me to what I attribute my long life. I tell principally to clean living, a clean conscience, and an abiding faith in divine guidance and protection.

List of names of teachers who taught
in this section since I was a boy are
as follows.

- Charlie Campbell known as Prince Charlie
He boarded at our place the year before
I started school. My first teacher was
Archie Morrison.
- Kate Campbell from Fingal who became
wife of Hugh C. Munroe, uncle of W. W. Campbell
- Nancy McLachlin of Fingal
- Miss (? sp) Pauu ... " "
- Jane McKay of Kintyre
- Mr. Schidmore
- Alexander Tomson
- Eliza Stalker
- John Stalker - brother of Peter
- J. K. Johnston
- Dan McLean son of little Dugald McLean
- Nellie Hornal wife of Rev. Dr. Burnet of Kintyre
- Alex McIntyre of Crin
- Dave McEcheran
- Alex McDonald
- Flora McMillan
- Annie Maloy
- Katie Johnston sister of Peter Johnston E. Ald.
- Mary Jane McColl " "
- Ann Rotton " "
- Bell McIntyre
- O. Mc Dermid - aunt of Doug McDermid - New Glasgow
- Florence Buchan wife of Mr. Sifton of Howard Twp
- Jack Scott of Clackan

- Earnest Campbell - son of W. W. Campbell of Rodney
- Cameron McIntyre of Eagle
- Dan Thompson of Duart
- Alex McTavish " "
- Cathleen Eggart - daughter of Mrs. R. J. Hood, West Lorne
- Mary Campbell (sister of Alex Campbell)
- Jean Anderson (wife of James D. McLean of W. Ald.)
- Nellie Mahon
- Cathlene Trestan of Clackan
- Ola Maine (wife of Robert Jamieson)
- Margaret McEachren of Kintyre
- Gordon Stinson of Rodney
- Irene Beggs of Niagara Falls
- Isabella Carswell of Iona
- Margaret McDermid of Ridgetown
- Mary Colhoun (wife of Walley Attridge)
- Berniece Hurley of Kilmartin (m. Leitch)
- Clara McIntyre of Dutton
- Dorothy Gillies of West Lorne (m. Morley Degraw)
- Mrs Reid of Mount Bridges
- Edwin Leitch of Kilmartin
- Keith Marr of West Lorne
- Joan Butler of West Lorne (m. Don McPhail - Clackan)
- School closed in 19
- New consolidated school - Aldborough Public School - located just south of Rodney on the Furrival Road.



Rodney Fair ↓
Julie P. Fair



Mrs. James Trestain - The first
 President of the Clackan Women's Institute
 founded February, 1914



Institute Parade



Institute Parade

On wagon - Diane
 Louise + Theressa
 Verhoven

Standing -
 Blair Wright +

Blair W



CLACHAN 4-H CLUB MEMBERS INCLUDE: Barbara Woolner, Sidonia Farkas, Ruth Long, Carol Morden, Donna Tunks, Ruth Anne Woolner, Chantal Purcell, Vivian Tunks, Jamieson, Carol Woolner, Kathy Harris, Nancy Jamieson, Elsbeth VanAsten and Donna Long. Back row: Leader Lois and Leader Mrs. John Fleming.

Dec. 8/1977
**4-H club girls, boys feted
 by Ag. Society, Kipranians**



Settlement of Cashmere now just a memory

By Brian Constable
Staff Writer

A short time ago, in a special Remember When section of the Voice of the Middlesex Farmer, a story listed a number of towns which had once existed throughout this area, but had since vanished.

Thanks to the response of some knowledgeable readers, several of these town sites have been located.

One such town, Cashmere, was located through the help of a 13-year-old, Grade Eight student, Tom May, R.R. 3, Newbury.

The site of the town is on the present farm of the May family, bordering Middlesex Highway 2, approximately three miles west of Wardsville.

As with many of the towns now gone, Cashmere was once important to this corner of Middlesex and Elgin Counties.

According to Mrs. Rose Sitler, whose father-in-law Alan Sitler, was head sawyer at the sawmill the town

once boasted, Cashmere was originally called Suckertown. It was built down near the river, and there was a dam across the Thames River at the site.

This unusual name was due to the fact that the livelihood of the townspeople at the time was catching fish, used for fish meal.

Later the townspeople may have thought the name was more appropriate to their gullibility.

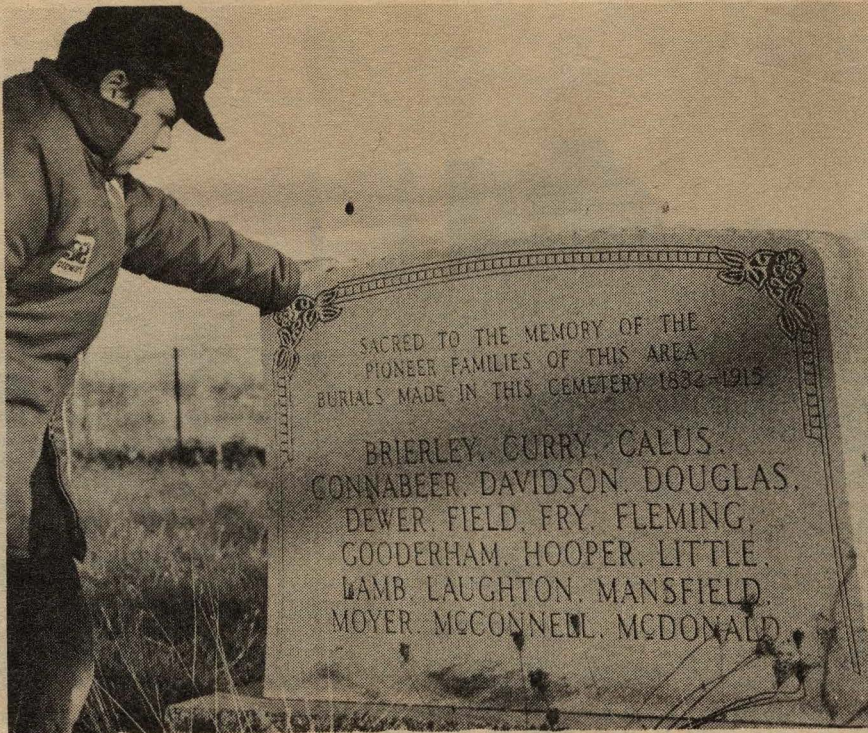
"They must have built their houses down there during the dry years, said Earl May, "when the level of the Thames River was lower than normal, because one year there was a flood, and it washed all the houses away.

"If you look down on the river flats, you can still see the area marked out in lots."

The town became known as Cashmere, and had a sawmill, a church, a post office and a school.

At its height, Cashmere had a population of 200, and 20 to 25 homes in the community.

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THE FAMILIES OF CASHMERE -- Tom May, of Newbury, looks over the headstone commemorating the pioneer families who were buried in the graveyard at

Cashmere. The town's site is on Highway 2, three miles west of Wardsville, near the junction of Middlesex, Elgin and Kent Counties.

Page 4, Elgin Farmer, Wednesday, November 12, 1980



ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE POST OFFICE -- Tom May points out the original post office of Cashmere. The original windows and

door can be seen, now covered with boards when the building was made into a garage.

(Staff Photo — B. Constable)

Settlement of Cashmere now just a memory

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"I first went there over 60 years ago when I was newly married," said Mrs. Sitler. "The saw mills made staves there. There was some fishing, and apple cider and apple butter was made there.

"The people always used to have work bees then. They'd get together for a haying bee, or sawing wood or anything else.

"There were real good people living there who worked in the sawmill."

But nothing is here forever. The forests which covered this region of the two counties were cleared for farmland, and there wasn't enough wood left to keep the sawmill running.

The sawmill closed and the people scattered to places like Kitchener and Detroit.

Finally, in the 1940's, the Government changed the post office system, taking away many of the tiny post offices from the hamlets and putting them into the larger towns.

Cashmere faded away.

All that is left to mark the spot is a graveyard, and some lots laid out near the Thames River.

The only building remaining from its past are its post office, now a family's garage, and the church, which was moved to Wardsville, and became the United Church there.

Without people like Tom May, Rose Sitler, and D.J. Ballantine of Mt. Brydges, who also wrote in telling of the location of Cashmere, another bit of history of this area of Ontario would have been forgotten in a very few short years.



Sitting: ①, Arthur Long, Earl Wright, Bill Kelly, Harold Patterson, Lyle Little, Nelson Johnston
 Kneeling: ②, Donald Campbell, ③, Evelyn Wright, Helen Patterson, ④, Elgin McIntyre
 3rd Row: Dennis Dickson, Harold Johnston, Joan Purcell, Peggy Doyle, Lucy Wilkins, Mary Pardo, John Colquhoun, Earl Price
 Back Row: John Kelly, ?, Orville Long, Grace Campbell, Marion Purcell, Mary Colquhoun, Kay McLean, (teacher) Rose Campbell, Harvey Gillies
 ① George Wilkins ② Bill Wilkins ③ Marion Lidster, ④ Lester Koma

Oak Grove
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1925-27

B.R.: Pauline Johnston, Helen McClarty, Gordon Stinson (teacher), Allan Dickson, Rita Wilson, Harley McDonald, Hilda Bateman
 Gordon Teare, Neil McPhail, Katherine McDonald, John Campbell, Jim Lindsay, Bert McIntyre, Jim McLean
3rd R.: Hazel Johnston, Dorothy McDonald, ^{Mary Colquhoun}?, Marion Purcell, Violet McIntyre, Margaret McDonald, Margaret
 Dickson, Len Wilkins 2nd R.: Norton Wilson, Ray Long, Gordon Long, John A. McDonald, Fred Turk, Harold
 Graham, Ray Turk, ; George Willick, Front R.: Earl Price, Ab Willick, John Kelly, ^{Dennis}Orval Long, Dickson

-ground 1925-27



Oak Grove School



#4



Clachan Women's Institute - 1955

- ① Mrs. May Price ② Betty Alderton ③ Doris McIntyre ④ Hilda Fawcett
 ⑤ Alice Paton ⑥ Mrs. Edgar Ashton ⑦ Jessie Purcell, ⑧ Mrs. 'Til' Lindsay ⑨ Mrs.
 Hazel Scott ⑩ Mrs. Leitch ⑪ Duwaine Downie ⑫ Edith Johnston ⑬ Rena
 Colquhoun ⑭ Annie Belle Bateman ⑮ Mrs. Eva McPhail (Sr.) ⑯ Becky
 Mann ⑰ June Purcell, ⑱ Peggy Purcell ⑲ Cliff Johnston, ⑳ Shirley
 Johnston ㉑ Jean Johnston ㉒ Norine Woolner ㉓ Ruth Johnston
 ㉔ Elaine McIntyre ㉕ Florence McIntyre ㉖ Annie Long.

at Doris + Bert McIntyre's home



Oak Grove School - SS #10

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PROGRAMME, CLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1924-25.

July 24.

Report of Convention at Shedden - Miss D. McDonald.
Solo - by Miss Jessie Robinson.
Reading - Miss Susie Patterson
Community Singing.
Roll Call - Where would you like to - and your house.

Aug. 28.

Paper - Miss Gladys Downie.
Something to Hear - Miss Sadie Patterson
Something to Do - - Miss Edna Johnston.
Something to See - - Miss Jessie Robinson.

Sept. 25.

Paper - Ways of Helping Children from Habits of
Obedience to Courtesy. by Mrs. Edgar Ashton.
Community Singing.
Paper by Mrs. Staples (Own Selection)
Prize for best table bouquet of home grown flowers.
Roll Call - Salad Receipts.

Oct. 31.

Hallowe'en Party. (evening in Hall)
Programme Committee -
Mrs. Bert Johnston, Mrs. A. Staples,
Mrs. A. Colquhoun, Mrs. Edgar Ashton.

Nov. 27.

Opening meeting in Hall (evening)
Report of Convention by Delegate.
Programme Committee.
Mrs. R. Spence, Mrs. D. Lindsay,
Mrs. J. J. Johnston,
Roll Call - Funny Grams.

Dec.

Christmas Paper (own Selection) Mrs. R. Spence.
Boxes Packed for Soldiers at Byron.
Community Singing.
Roll Call - Christmas Dainties.

Jany.

Quilting at Miss Francis Johnston's
and a ten cent tea.

Febby:-

Meeting at Mrs. A. Staples.
 Something to See - Mrs. Staples.
 Something to Hear- Miss Jessie Colquhoun.
 Something to Do -- Mrs. J. McWilliams,
 Paper - Mrs. George Woods (Own Selection)
 Roll Call - Helpful Hints.

March:-

St. Patrick Supper.

April-

Paper by Mrs. J.J. Johnston, (Own Selection)
 Reading by Mrs. D. Lindsay
 Community Singing.
 Changing of bulbs and plant slips.
 Roll Call - Homemade remedies for Man and Beast.

May :-

Election of officers.
 Paper - Miss Francis Johnston.
 Community Singing.
 Roll Call - School Day Recollections and
 Membership fees.

Meeting held Fourth Thursday of each month
 at 3 P.M.

Officers:-

Honory President:- Mrs. G. Wood.
 President:- Mrs. R. J. Spence.
 Vice- President. - Mrs. H. H. Johnston,
 Secretary-Treasurer- Mrs. A. E. Johnston.

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GLACHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Meetings:- Fourth Thursday of each month.

Aug. 26. - Girls Meeting.

Paper by Miss Edna Johnston (Own selection)

" " " Sadie Patterson.

Cake Contest for girls.

Music by Misses Irene Attridge and Joyaine Ashton.

Roll Call - Pickle Receipt.

Sept. 23. - Highgate Institute.

Oct. 28 - Woman's View of Life - Mrs. A. Colquhoun.

Paper by Mrs. Wood.

Roll Call - Experiences.

Music - Mrs. C. Ellison.

Nov. 25th - At Home.

Roll Call, Current Events.

Music by Misses Frances Clark, Vera Ross, Marjory Spence.

Delegates Reports.
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Dec. 9. - Bazaar and Concert.

Committee for Concert:- Mrs. B. Johnston, Mrs. D.W. Lindsay, Mrs. Geo. Attridge, Mrs. H. Johnston Miss Ada Ashton.

Jan. 27.- Literary "Beauties of the Bible" Mrs. J. H. Trestain.

Roll Call Scripture Quotations.

Music by Mrs. E. Hegg.

Feb. 24.- Winter Delegate.

Roll Call - Selections.

March. - "How to Dress Well and Economical"- Mrs. H. Johnston.

Paper Mrs. Jas. McWilliams - Selected.

Roll Call Favorite Quotations.

Music Mrs. C. Ellison.

April 28 - House Keeping 50 Years Ago. Mrs. D. Lindsay.

" " Present Day Mrs. F. Johnston.

Roll Call- Spring Improvements.

May 26. - Business Meeting.

Paper:- Miss Ada Ashton.

Mrs. A. E. Johnston,
Pres.

Mrs. J. H. Trestain,
Vice Pres.
Miss Jessie Colquhoun,
Sec. Treas.

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1927-28.

OPENING ODE.

(Tune - Auld Lang Syne)

A goodly thing it is to meet
In Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Or dims the radiant light,
No unkind word our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.

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- June 16.- Opening Ode,
Business,
Paper "Canada" by Miss Jessie Colquhoun,
Community Singing.
Report of Convention.
Roll Call - A Helpful Idea for Monday's and Saturday's.
- July 28 - Opening Ode,
Business,
Paper, What the Community Needs for Its Young People,
by Miss Jessie Robinson.
Spelling Match.
Music - Miss D. McDonald,
Roll Call - Making Pin Money on the Farm.
- August 25 - Opening Ode,
Business,
Paper - Developing the Individuality of the Child -
by Mrs. A. Colquhoun.
Question Box.
Community Singing.
Roll Call - What is a Friend.
Lunch Committee - Miss D. McDonald, Mrs. Lindsay,
Mrs. A.E. Johnston, Mrs. Turk.
- September 22. Opening Ode,
Business,
Entertain Wardsville Institute.
Flower Show - Prize for Best Bouquet of Home Grown Flowers.
- October 31. Hallowe'en.
Programme Committee - Mrs. Staples, Mrs. A. Colquhoun,
Mrs. Bateman, Miss G. Downie,
Mrs. J.J. Johnston.
- November 24. Open Meeting - Hostess Mrs. H. Lidlow.
Opening Ode,
Business.
Paper - The Country Woman's Problems. by Mrs. Bateman.
Reading - Mrs. A. Griffith.
Report of Convention.
Paper - How We May Co-operate with out Teachers in Improving
our Local Schools. by Miss Gladys Downie.
Roll Call - Current Events.
- December 15. Opening Ode.
Business.
Paper - The Christmas Spirit by Mrs. A.E. Johnston.
Packing Christmas Boxes.
Roll Call - Christmas Suggestions.

- January - 26. Opening Ode, Hostess Mrs. Turk.
 Business Meeting.
 Debate - Resolved "That Poverty is a greater Asset towards Building Character than Wealth."
 Affirmative - Mrs. A. Colquhoun, Mrs. A. Griffith.
 Negative - Miss F. Johnston Mrs. Staples.
 Demonstration on Cutting and Icing Cake.
 Duet - Mrs. Bateman & Mrs. Colquhoun,
 Roll Call - An Amusing Story.
 Lunch Committee - Mrs. Scott, Mrs. J.D. Patterson,
 Miss J. Colquhoun, Mrs. Staples.
- February 23 -Opening Ode - Hostess Mrs. Scott.
 Business.
 Paper - "Our Canadian Poets" by Mrs. Edgar Ashton.
 Community Singing,
 Discussion - Home Decorating.
 Roll Call - How to Remove Stains.
 Lunch Committee - Mrs.J.P. McWilliams, Mrs. McMillan,
 Miss F. Johnston, Miss J. Robinson.
- March 23. Opening Ode - Hostess Mrs. A. Purcell,
 Business.
 Programme Committee;- Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. H. Johnston,
 Mrs. A.E. Johnston, Mrs. H. Lidlow,
 Lunch Committee - Mrs. J.J. Johnston, Mrs. Bateman,
 Miss A. Taylor, Mrs. E. Purcell.
 Roll Call - The Work I Like Best.
- April 27. Opening Ode - Hostess Mrs. A.E. Johnston,
 Business,
 Paper - "How to Make Others Happy." by Mrs. Turk.
 Community Singing.
 Exhibit - Articles Made from Flour Sacks, 1st. & 2nd. Prize.
 Paper - The Danger of Luxury in Modern Life. by Mrs. Staples.
 Discussion - The Girl Wanted.
 Roll Call - A Conundrum.
- May 25. 25 Opening Ode.
 Business.
 Paper - What Can We Do to Beautify Our Home Surroundings.
 by Mrs. J. McWilliam,
 Roll Call - Paying Fees.

OFFICERS.

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 Assistant Pianist - Mrs. Bateman,
 Flower Committee - Mrs. H. Johnston,
 Mrs. Lindsay.
 Mrs. A. Purcell.

Annie Long

Ruth Campbell

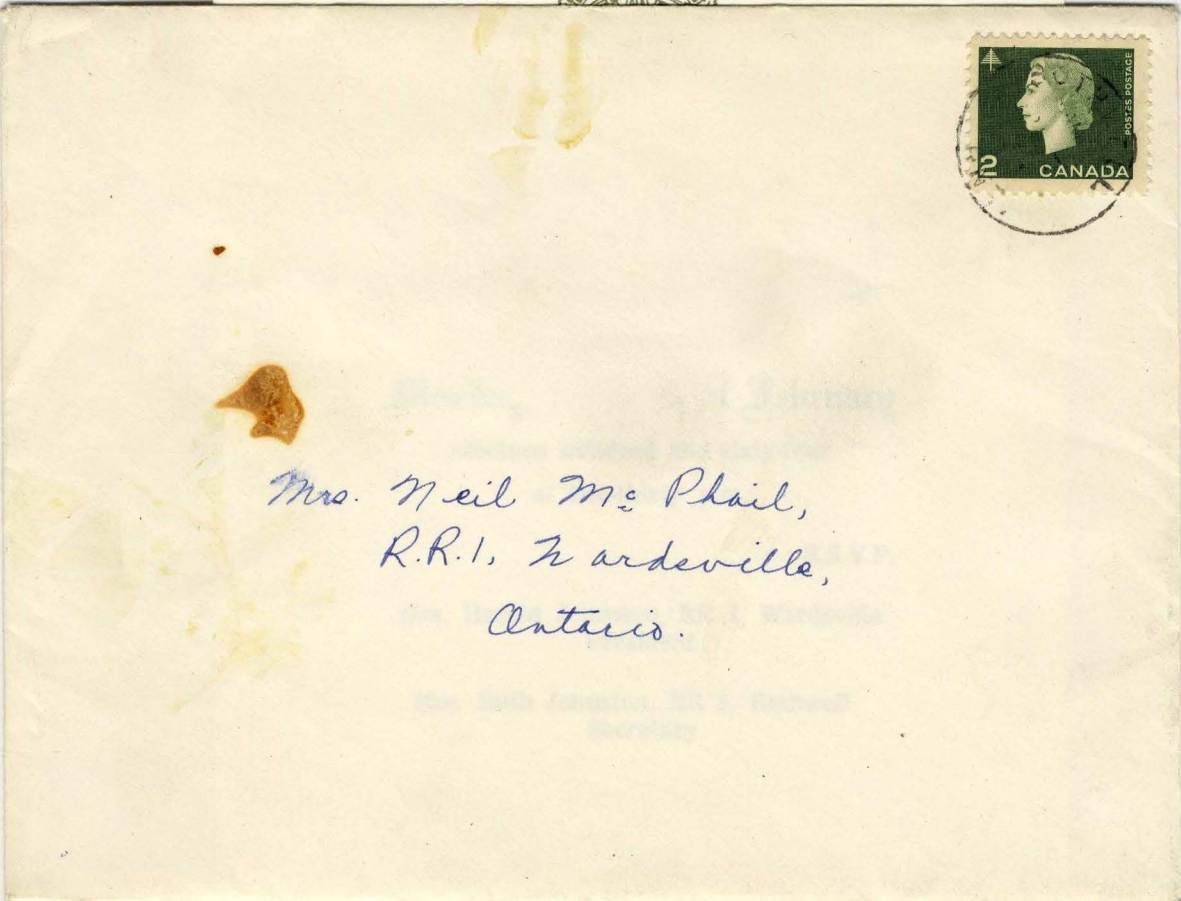
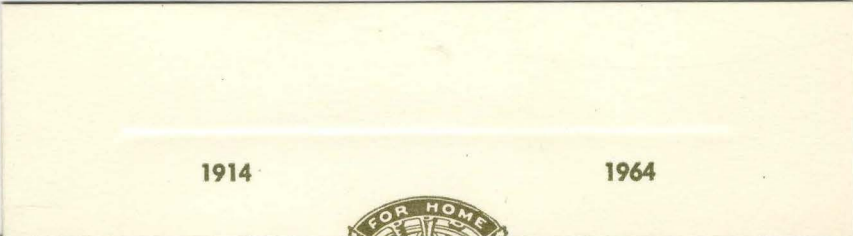
Grace Campbell



W.I Convention
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Mrs. Neil Mc Phail,
R.R. 1, Wardeville,
Ontario.

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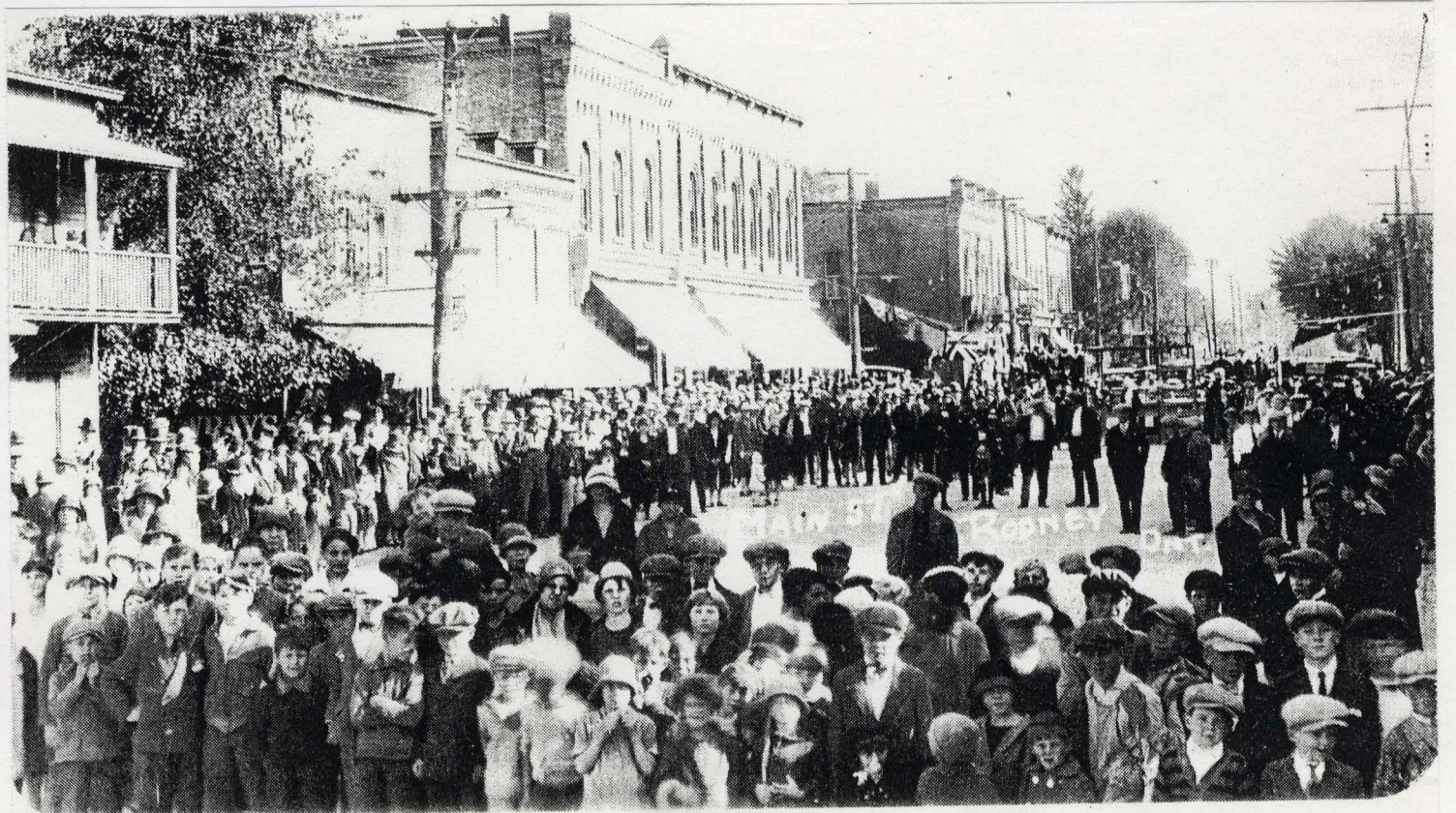
Mrs. Harold Johnston, RR 1, Wardsville
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Secretary

Members of the Thames Valley Red Cross 1914-
(pictured on previous page) 1918

Row Marybell Purcell
 Mrs. Phillip Kearns
 Minnie Campbell
 Mabel Patton
Row Mrs. Dougal Purcell
 Mrs. Hillman
 Annie Taylor
 Fern Webster
 Mrs. John Doyle (in door of her home)
 Mrs. Alex McIntyre 14
 Mrs. John McIntyre
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 Cecilia Doyle
 Ella McIntyre (Webster)
 Eva King
 Mrs. Will Smith
 Emma Leitch
 Mrs. Alex Campbell (Charlie's Mother)
 Mrs. Dan Patterson





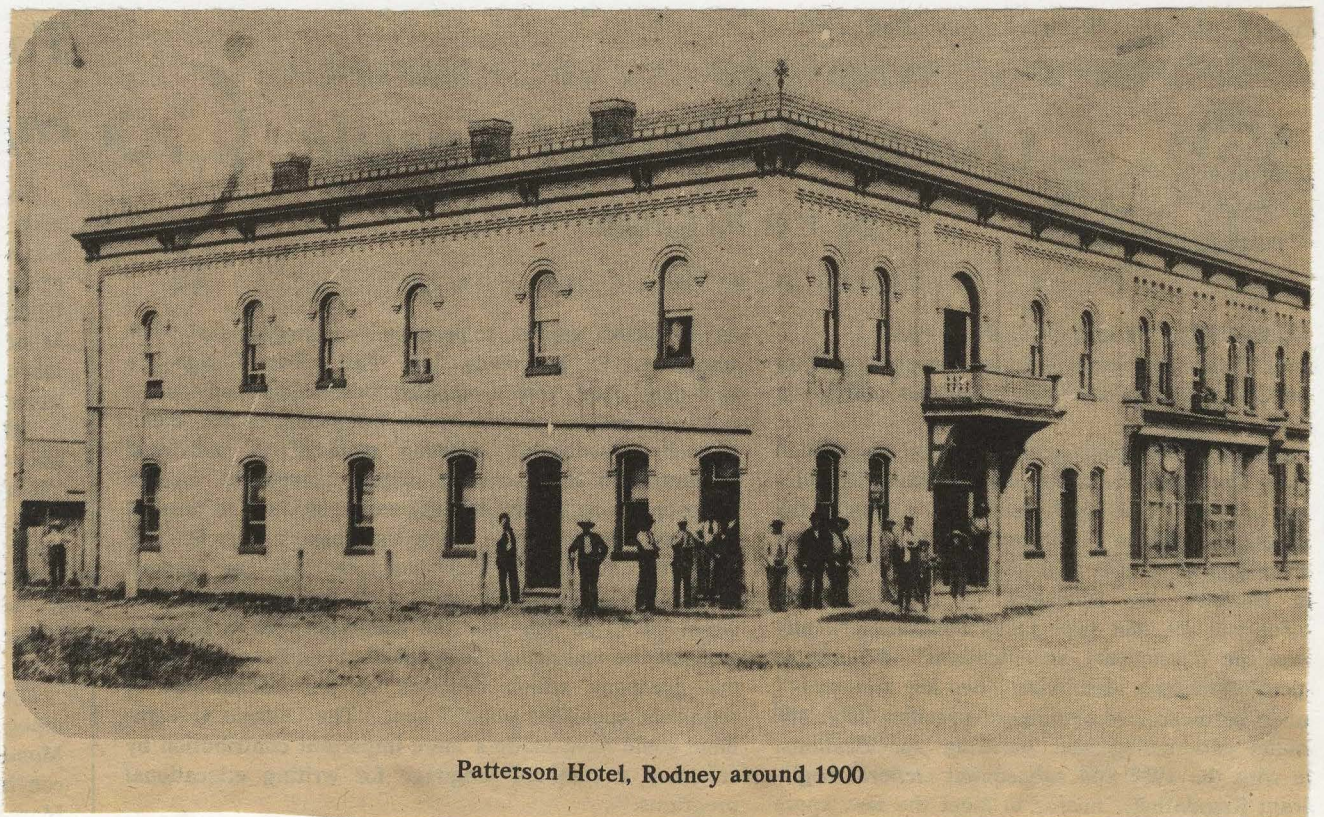
The official opening of the pavement in Rodney's business section 60 years ago this week, attracted a large crowd to the festivities. 1988 Oct, 1928



Paving Furnival in Rodney's business section in 1928



1916



Patterson Hotel, Rodney around 1900



Dan Kennedy



Part of Rodney's business section in 1932



The same part of the business section today



The Downie brothers, shown here planting corn in the 1930s, were: (left to right) Joel, Percy, John, Art and Roy.

FAMILY FARM ON CLACHAN RD. NOW OWNED BY GERALD VANLITH

Duncan Ferguson Barn Raising, 1900. Vol 6. Cont. 3.







Cashmere School on Hwy 2
School bldg. moved to become part of Newbury Legion Hall

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88th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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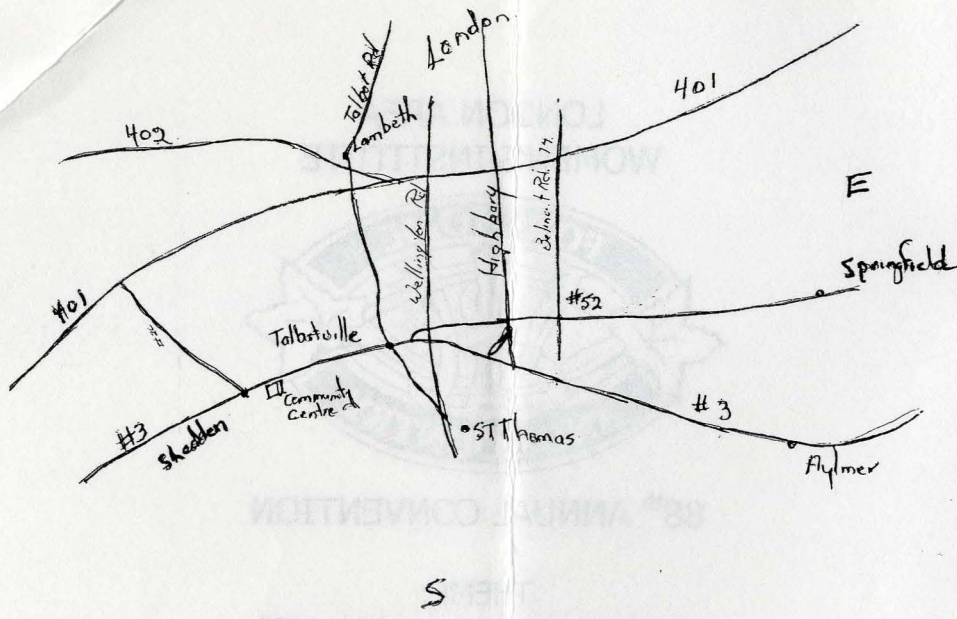
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2002

SUBDIVISION 18:

**MIDDLESEX EAST, MIDDLESEX NORTHWEST,
ELGIN COUNTY**

SUBDIVISION 19:

**PERTH SOUTH, HURON SOUTH, HURON WEST,
OXFORD DISTRICT**



NOTE
PLEASE BRING THIS PROGRAM WITH YOU
IMPORTANT

Each Branch and District Secretary is asked to order the number of lunch tickets (\$7.00) and banquet tickets (\$13.00) required by your group. Do not include anyone on the Area Executive or Executive Conveners. Please send a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED envelope with your order and cheque made payable to London Area to:

Mrs. Chris Wiffen
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 (519) 462-2898
 by October 12, 2002

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 Bring pre-priced articles for "Our Country Store".
 Lug your own mug.

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PROGRAM FOR 2002
LONDON AREA CONVENTION
TUESDAY A.M. OCTOBER 29

CHAIR: FRAN HYATT

One branch delegate and two delegates from each district are asked to sit in the designated section and to report back to their members. ACWW membership are available. Bring your name, address and membership number.

Federated News subscriptions are also available.

8:45 a.m. Registration. President of the 7 Districts.

Reception: Madeleine Jenkins, Mary Veenstra, Eleanor McMillan
Coffee Hour: Paynes Mills and Middlemarch

9:25 a.m. Time to Sing: West Lorne - Pianist Shirley Walker

Presentation of Flags: Gladys Egelton and Pauline Lindsay

Sing: O Canada

March In: 7 District Banners

Institute Ode

Mary Stewart Collect

Welcome: President Elgin County - Mary Veenstra

In Memoriam: North Yarmouth

Acceptance of Minutes of 2001 Convention

Financial Report: Chris Wiffen

Financial Examiners Report: Mary Alice Roth

Correspondence

Roll Call: Responsibility of 7 District Presidents

Each president to give a 2 minute summary of happenings in her district in 2001-2002

President's Address: Fran Hyatt

CHAIR: ELEANOR WILLIAMS

Light and Lively: Shedden

F.W.I. O. President: Dianne Orr

Adelaide Hoodless Home Presentation:

Nomination of Provincial Advisory Council and PAC Alternates -
Introduce nominees

Collection: River Road, Sparta, Tryconnell

Report of Provincial Conference: Glenna Ladell

Comments on displays: Cawal

Announcements: Eleanor Williams

12:00 p.m. Sing Institute Grace

Adjourn for lunch catered by Yarmouth Glen W. I.

Country Store: Calton, Calchan, Kingsmill-Mapleton

AFTERNOON SESSION
CHAIR: GLENNA LADELL

1:30 p.m. Hymn of All Nations

Greetings from visiting Area Presidents: Southwestern:

Grey-Bruce: Guelph

F.Y. I. Lawyer Karen Veenstra BSW LLB on Family Law

Ken and Ellen Palmer on Maple Syrup

Break:

Lite and Lively: Wallacetown

Reports: ALL PRINTED PLEASE READ

Convenor's: 2 Minute Reports

Lobbying Convenor: Pauline Lindsay

Public Relations: Ruth Skillings

Tweedsmuir Curator: Bessie Thompson

Children's Hospital: Marilyn Pym

Western Fair Association: Evelyn Rath

Time to Sing: West Lorne

Skit: Yarmouth Glen

CHAIR: FRAN HYATT

Provincial Advisory Councillors: Vivian McDonald

Glenna Ladell

Provincial Board Directors: Carol Force

Ruth Crump

Treasurer's Report of Convention: Chris Wiffen

Election of Officers: Dianne Orr

New Business:

Invitation for Convention 2003 and Courtesies: Janet Uren

Announcements:

Head Table Guests: Sheila Greason

OPENING ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet,
in Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Nor dims the radiant light,
No unkind word our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.

THE MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness,
let us be large in thought, in word and deed.
Let us be done with fault finding
and leave off self seeking.
May we put off all pretences
and meet each other face to face
without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgement
and always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put in to action our better impulses
straightforward and unafraid;
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things
that create differences;
that in the big things of life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and know the great
human heart common to us all, and,
O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GRACE

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy Care,
Food, friends and kindness we share;
May we forever, mindful be
Of "Home and Country" and of Thee.

