



PHOTOS





*Glachan Women's Institute - 2007*  
*B.R. Janet Quinton, Lois Woolner, Joyce Wright, Helen McWilliams, Alma Johnston, Theresa St. Pierre,*  
*Cathy Johnston, Marie Spence, June Purcell, F.R. Betty Johnston, Florence McIntyre, Doris McIntyre,*  
*Willa Johnston, Louise Long.*

**APRIL 23, 2007**

Hostess - Louise Verhoeven  
 Reading - Margaret McDougall  
 Roll Call - Pay Dues  
 Program - Dinner Out (Glencoe)  
 and Annual Meeting  
 Lunch - Louise Verhoeven

Vol. Hours:

*Doris McIntyre*  
*Lois Woolner*





*Tom Marsh - curator of Hall of Fame*



*Clachan W.I. women + George Quinton + Allan Woolner*

**ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
"Olde-Fashion Victorian Tea"  
100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM**

*May '07*

**PLEASE STAND:** Opening Ode / Mary Stewart Collect

**WELCOME:** Elgin District WI President - Joan Mansell

**100 YEAR HISTORY:** WI Tweedsmuir Curator - Helen Van Breuk

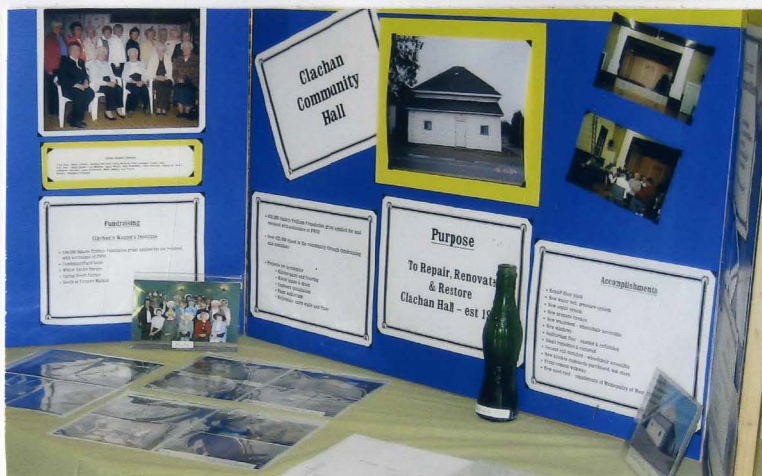
**GREETINGS:** City of St. Thomas Mayor - Cliff Barwick  
County of Elgin Warden - Lynn Acre  
Elgin County Archivist - Brian Masschaele  
Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP - Steve Peters  
Elgin-Middlesex-London MP - Joe Preston  
London Area WI President - Anne Innes  
Middlesex Northwest WI President - Margaret Harris  
Middlesex East WI President - Flora Rath  
Perth South WI President - Doris Spence  
FWIO Board Director (South) - Ilene Chesterman



*Doris McIntyre, George Quinton, Florence McIntyre*



*Willi Johnston  
Lois Woolner  
Janet Quinton  
our display*





Janet Quinton  
cleaning windows. →

June 2007



C. Laehan Hall, June, 2007.



Louise Verhoeven & June  
Purcell - dusting and  
cleaning new bathroom. →



Alma Johnston  
cleaning new bathroom. ←

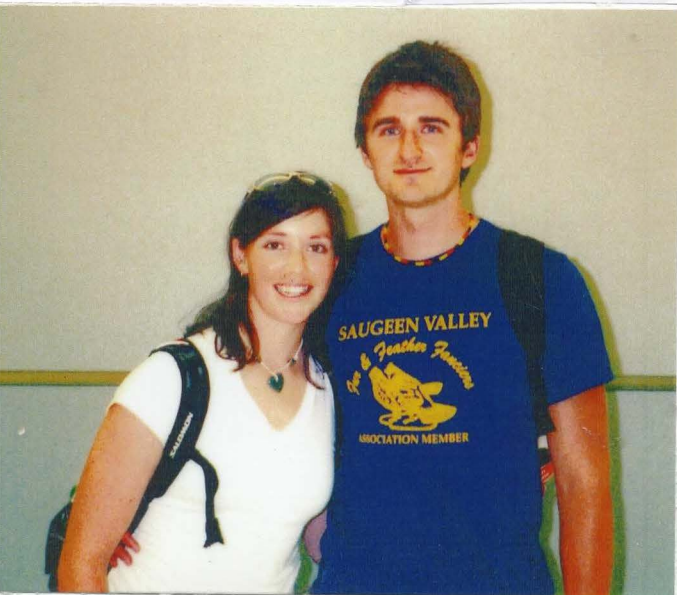


Joyce Wright →



DORIS McINTYRE's 80th BIRTHDAY

Janis Langstaffe, Larry McIntyre (son), DORIS, Judy (McIntyre) Lovis, Bill McIntyre, Trish McIntyre & children: Drew, Nicole & Kirk McIntyre



Larry's children: Katie & Wayne McIntyre



Katie with her mom Sandy

# Daytripping Staff!



**Front:** Carla Lepore, Rhonda Long  
**Back:** Laurie Dunlop, Carrie Ann Timm, Mark Moran

2007 - Fall

*Rhonda is the daughter of Art & Louise Long.*



## 2007 Elgin Federation of Agriculture

### Car-a-van Tour

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007

This is a self-guided tour that allows you to pick and choose which farms you would like to visit. Signs will help guide you along the route.

#### SITES

1. Campbell's Seed Cleaning  
32257 Duff Line  
Iona Station
2. Blue Moon Texels  
Stan & Lori Campbell  
31220 Chalmers Line  
Iona Station
3. Coyote Ridge Riding Stables  
24780 Carrol Line, West Lorne
4. Blueberry Hill Farm  
22039 Hoskins Line, Rodney

5. Sutton Orchards  
24249 Silver Clay Line  
West Lorne, On
6. R-Grow Vegetables  
9808 Dunborough Road  
West Lorne, On

#### Suggestion:

While driving to or from Carrol Line and Hoskins Line, take Stalker Line/McDougall Line (#9) as it is paved. (between Graham Rd. and Furnival Rd.)



*Emily Kalmbach - 2007 Rodney Aldborough Fair Board Ambassador w. Lois Woolner*



*Cathy Johnston,  
Lois Woolner,  
Joan Mansell -  
president of Elgin  
Women's Institute*

*Woman of Excellence  
Award to Lois Woolner*

# WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE FAIR AWARD



*In celebration  
Of the achievements you've earned  
The friendships you've shared  
And the success you've enjoyed*

The ELGIN District W.I.  
and The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario

CONGRATULATES

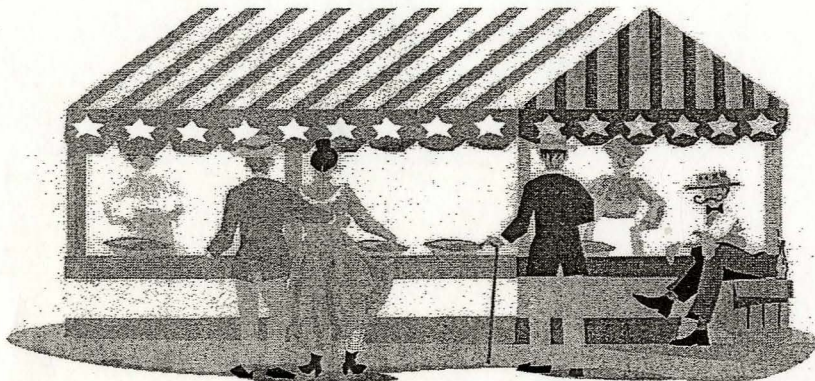


To: LOIS WOOLNER



on SEPTEMBER 2007

*For her tremendous contributions to her  
Community and Local Fair*





# RODNEY ALDBOROUGH AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

P.O. Box 130  
Rodney, Ontario, N0L 2C0

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May 23, 2007

To Whom it May Concern

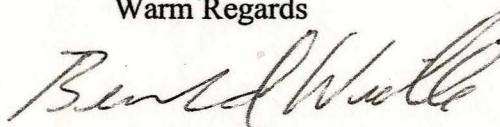
On behalf of the Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society (RAAS) I would like to offer this letter of nomination submitting Lois Woolner for the District Women's Institute Women of Excellence Fair Award.

Lois has been an active part of the RAAS for many years. Her contributions have been varied and countless. Her involvement began with the ladies division in the late 50's. She soon took on the task of the school fair division, helping to provide youth in our community the opportunity to exhibit at our fair through their classroom efforts. Many exhibits were prepared by Lois & helpers for 4-H and Women's Institute to be displayed during the fair. The tractor pull was an event organized by husband Allan for many years, and Lois was definitely a big part of that effort. Over the years many pies from Lois' kitchen have been served through the fairboards ladies booth. More recently she has been the "Bean Queen" – supplying and preparing ingredients for old style baked beans prepared in an iron kettle over open fire. Lois will always be found helping out in the board's food booth, helping with set-up or clean-up, lending a hand wherever needed.

Lois has also been a support to her family members who are active on the societies board of directors. Her husband Allan has been director with us for over 50 years. Her daughter Judy is past president, and an active director as well. Daughter Ruth Anne is in her 5<sup>th</sup> decade of exhibiting at Rodney – a great contributor to our culinary arts classes. As in most families the commitments of one involve the whole family, and Lois has always aided and encouraged her family in their roles at the fair.

We have appreciated Lois' support of the RAAS over the years, and we are pleased to support the Clachan Women's Institute in this nomination.

Warm Regards



Bernie Wiehle  
Vice - President, RAAS

I, Katherine Johnston , a member of the Clachan Women's Institute, wish to recommend Lois Woolner as a nominee for the Woman of Excellence Fair Award. Lois is a member of the Clachan Women's Institute, and has been for nearly 50 years. She has also been my neighbour for the same number of years, and most importantly she is my friend. Ever since I have known Lois, she has volunteered at the Rodney-Aldbrough Fair. I don't think she has missed one fair in all those years. Lois was a teacher, retired now, but during her teaching years she was in charge of the school fair exhibits. Lois and her husband, Allan, who has been a Director for many years and has also been President, help to set up and organize exhibits every year. Lois and Allan raised three daughters and each one was a candidate for Ambassador of the Fair. She volunteers to cook the beans, bake pies, and help serve in the booth that the Ladies Division of the fair sponsor.

As a W. I. member, Lois has held most positions at least once, and is currently our Past President. Members will call on Lois for advice about anything having to do with W. I. She is never too busy for whatever needs doing in the community, and if ever there was a person that deserves a Volunteer Award, it is Lois Woolner.

*Katherine Johnston*

Katherine Johnston  
Clachan Women's Institute

We, the members of the Clachan Women's Institute, would like to nominate one of our members for the Woman of Excellence Fair Award which is sponsored by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Our nominee is Lois Woolner. Lois is married to Allan Woolner. Together they have farmed all their married life and raised three daughters. Lois also is a retired teacher. When Lois and Allan were married 48 years ago, Allan was on the Rodney-Aldborough Fair Board, so that was Lois's first taste of fair volunteering as she had to help her husband with whatever she could. Every year they both spent days helping to set up display tables and tents and generally prepare for the fair days, and that also meant taking everything down when the fair was over. At that time Lois was teaching in a one room school in the community, so it was just natural for her to join the Ladies Division of the fair board and to take on the job of School Fair Superintendent. All the teachers from the schools brought the entries of the students to Lois and she displayed the students's arts and crafts. Lois kept that job for many years even after she stayed home to raise their family. When her children did not exhibit in the school fair any longer, she still continued with that job.

During that time, Lois also was a 4-H Leader for many years and as leader, she and her club placed a 4-H Display at the fair.

As her own daughters grew up, they also became involved in the fair. All three of the girls were candidates for Ambassador of the Fair. Ruth Ann, the middle daughter, is a wonderful baker and has won the title of Baking Queen several times. This talent, no doubt, can be attributed to the skills she learned from her mother. Judy, the youngest daughter, has just finished serving as President of the fair board. Lois is very proud of her family.

Every year the Ladies Division of the fair set up a food booth and Lois bakes pies and serves her time in the booth. Now, the last few years Lois is also in charge of cooking the beans in the big bean pot to feed all the volunteers and anyone else that wants a dish of beans - this is also a fund raiser for the fair.

To say that Lois is a volunteer at the fair is an understatement and, we, the members of the Clachan Women's Institute feel that Lois deserves this Award.

Louise Verhoeven, Secretary  
Clachan Women's Institute

*Louise Verhoeven.*

I wish to nominate Lois Woolner for the  
Woman of Excellence Award.

Lois has been a valuable Women's  
Institute member in Clackan for many  
years. She has also been an active member  
in our local Kintyre Presbyterian Church  
serving in the choir, teaching Sunday  
School, holding various positions of  
office in the Presbyterian Women's group,  
as well volunteering wherever necessary,  
like canvassing for cancer/heart + stroke,  
helping with showers or luncheon after a  
funeral, 'Pitch-in' and Recycling projects for  
our area.

I've known Lois since high school as  
a friend and neighbour and feel she is  
deserving of this award.

Janet Quinton



## Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

September 14, 2007

My name is Joan Mansell, President of Elgin Women's Institute. I wish to address this celebration of Woman of Excellence Fair Award to a very deserving person here this evening.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) recognizes the significant contributions made by women at local fairs. The criteria for selection is open to all members, currently or previously involved at their local fair. The Elgin District WI request three nominations to be submitted from their branches to be eligible for this award before deadline of June 1, 2007. The Clachan Women's Institute branch has nominated their dedicated member, Mrs. Allan Woolner, better known as Lois.

The nomination letters were received from three Clachan members; Katherine Johnston, Janet Quinton, and Louise Verhoeven. They gave wonderful mention of Lois' volunteering both at the fair and their branch. To avoid repeating the nominations from each letter, I wish to highlight the contributions and involvement that Lois has with the fair and her community by reading this letter from Vice-President of Rodney Aldborough Agriculture Society, Bernie Wiehle. (read letter)

In addition to this, the profile of Lois is amazing. She is married to Allan; who has both farmed all their life and raised three daughters. She is a retired teacher; past 4-H leader; an active Clachan WI member for 50 years; a member of Kintyre Presbyterian Church with serving in the choir, teaching Sunday School, and involved with their Presbyterian Ladies Group. She volunteers with canvassing for Cancer, Heart & Stroke, Pitch-in and Recycling projects. The list is endless for which Lois has been so dedicated.

It is with great pride, on behalf of the Elgin District Women's Institute, that we can present this deserving Woman of Excellence Award to Lois Woolner for all the hard work and rewards that have come from her volunteering and commitment in this community. Please let us show our appreciation.

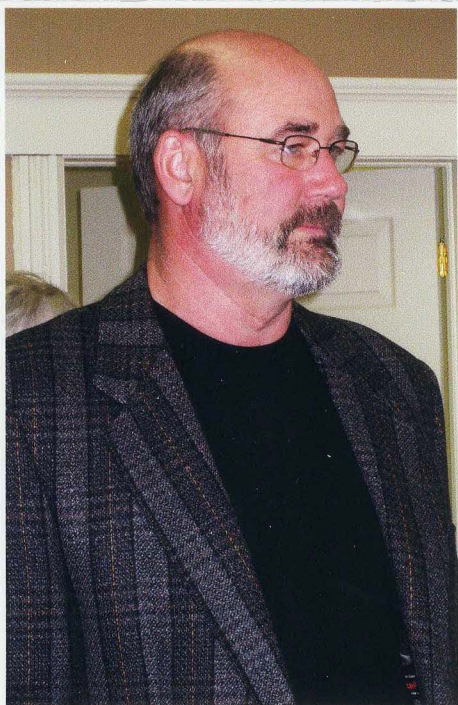
Thank you.

Yours in WI,

Joan Mansell

Encl: Nomination letters

Betty Johnston's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



John Johnston (son)



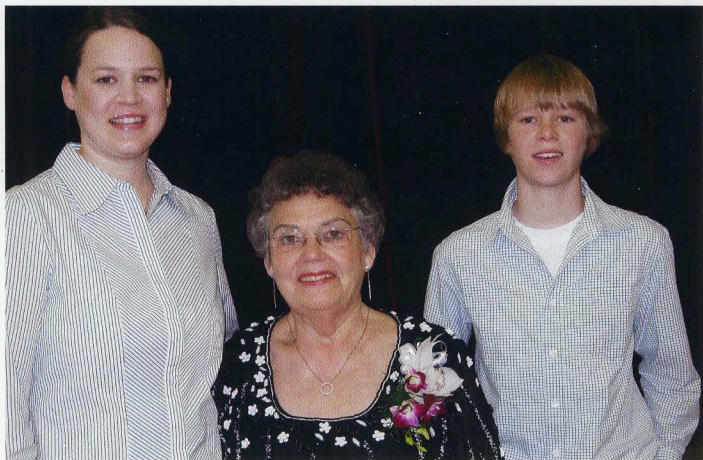
January 12/08



Stacy Johnston (son)



Ann (Johnston) Nogradi  
(daughter)



Julie & Carl Nogradi w. Grandma



Betty Johnston & Don McKellar



Betty Johnston's  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Party



Rosemary McAlpin + Doris Wilkins

Cathy Johnston, Willa Johnston,  
Janet Quinton, Theresa St Pierre,  
Florence Mc Intyre



Cardi Teetzel Jan 27/68 Jean Wight, Mary  
Taylor, Brenda Johnston, Mrs. Teetzel  
© Cardwell



June Purcel, Cathy Johnston  
Louise Long



Willa Johnston, Joyce Wright, Florence  
Mc Intyre + Theresa St. Pierre



Nelson + Willa Johnston, Mary Taylor  
Jean Wight, ?



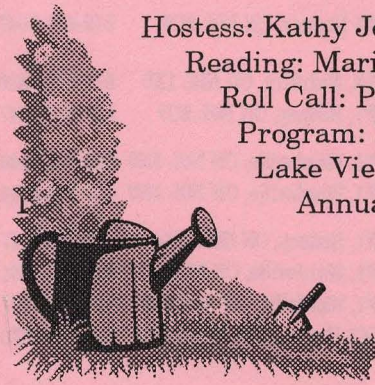
*Alma Johnston, Doris McIntyre, Florence McIntyre,  
Louise Verhoven, Cathy Johnston, Helen McWilliams + 4*



APRIL 28, 2008

Vol.  
Hours:

Hostess: Kathy Johnston  
Reading: Marie Spence  
Roll Call: Pay Dues  
Program: Dinner Out -  
Lake View Gardens, 12:30 pm  
Annual Meeting to Follow



CONGRATULATIONS



John & June Purcell along with family & friends wish to extend sincere best wishes to their son **Master Corporal Greg & Nadia Purcell** on their marriage. Ceremony took place Aug. 2, 2008 in Pettawawa, ON. Greg has served with the Canadian Forces for 20 years & his deployment to Afghanistan takes place Sept. 1, 2008. Anyone wishing to extend best wishes to Greg & Nadia on their new beginning and his departure to Afghanistan please forward to:  
**Master Corporal Greg Purcell**  
48 Church St., PO Box 158, Chalk River, ON K0J 1J0



*Sept 24, 2008  
Hostess: Louise Long at Clachan Hall  
Chris Aldred - curator spoke about  
the Fairfield Museum and  
the local history  
"Wilderness Christian" a book  
about this*

**CROSS**

Madeleine (Smith) a resident of Clachan, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on Friday, March 28, 2008 in her 80th year. Daughter of the late Merritt and Grace (Craig) Smith. Beloved wife of the late Leo R. Cross (1989). Cherished mother of Ron and Cathy Cross, Norma and Duncan McPhail, Audrey and Gary Jamieson, Catherine and Randy Smith, Calvin Cross (1995), daughter-in-law Renee and Joe Kleinjan. Loving grandma to 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Dear sister and sister-in-law of Lois Ashton (Lawrence 2006), and Evelyn Cross (William 1981). Also remembered by her aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends called at the Badder & Robinson Funeral Home, 211 Elm St., Bothwell on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9pm. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 1:30pm. with Rev. Annalee Kerr of the Bothwell United Church officiating. Interment Bothwell Cemetery. Donations may be made at the funeral home by cheque to the Bothwell United Church or Four Counties Health Services Foundation. Online condolences and donations may be left at our website [www.badderfuneralhome.com](http://www.badderfuneralhome.com) A tree will be planted in memory of Madeleine Cross in the Badder & Robinson Memorial Forest, Mosa Twp. Pallbearers; Chris Kalita, Tom Kalita, Jason Cross, Shawn Cross, Scott Johnston, Zachary Smith. Flower Bearers: Jennica Drake, Randel Smith, Courtney C ross, Nicole Staddon, Erin Johnston, Kandra Smith. Sharon Stevens Presided at the Organ, the Bothwell Choir provided the Ministry of Music. Courtney Cross played the Keyboard and the congregation sang How Great Thou Art.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

September 25<sup>th</sup> /08

To the Queen of Clachan



**DORIS (Marcus) PRICE**

"Four score and five and  
still mighty jive"

With Love from your Family



**Emily Rose**

Dutton  
Parents: Dave and Connie  
Attending Mohawk  
College  
Program: Pre-Health



## Our Rural World

Our rural world is slipping away. It was a life rooted in the small mixed family farm, a life rooted in the rural community. Family based neighborhoods are dissolving all around us. Deep down people want connection, instead of alienation and isolation. We need it for our mental health. We need a place where people know us. Yes, even a place where everyone knows everybody else's business, but when trouble comes, they are ready and willing to help with any need because they do care. We've seen the neighbors pitch in and plant the crop for a fellow farmer who had to have back surgery. Yes, we know each other, but that can be a good thing.

I remember when my children would be going out with friends or off to school, I'd give them a hug and say, "Love you....Be good." As a teenager, one of them said to me, "I wish you wouldn't say that because it makes me feel guilty sometimes." A-ha! A good check and balance? Guess I'll keep on saying it! To-day, we are proud of them all, as well as the other young people in our rural church community.

Rural is unique. The early farmers attitude towards life was that one must accept whatever comes, yet not become complacent. A beautiful crop today could be lost tomorrow by a hailstorm. This taught them to not take anything for granted. This is true for today too. They learned to save up for a rainy day, because a pay check was not waiting for them every two weeks. They were at the mercy of the animals, the weather and the neighbors.

We've lost our rural schools and now we are losing our rural churches along the quiet country roads. Some have no idea what this means to the rural community. They have a story to tell for those who are willing to listen. They have helped shape and keep our community together spiritually and socially. Here in Kintyre, when we would have pancake suppers, pot luck & games nights, Christmas concerts, birthday parties for those neighbors who had reached their 80<sup>th</sup> or 90<sup>th</sup> year, all the neighbors would join in regardless of their religious affiliation or none at all. We were all neighbors. That is how communities evolve. They farm together, socialize together and their children go to school together.

Many here in Kintyre attend the church that their ancestors helped build. Then, one Sunday we arrived at church, happily greeted each other and inquired how the week had been. We took our place in the pew and all of a sudden, it seemed, we realized our congregation was dwindling. Over the years it's been a spiritual focus for us, a comfort and a help amidst uncertainty when one faces the unknown future, like a diagnosis of cancer, the word that your child needs brain surgery or that your little one will never walk. But now, literally and spiritually the generations are moving away.

Now comes the realization that significant changes will have to be made so we decided to amalgamate the three Presbyterian churches of New Glasgow (the mother church), Kintyre and Rodney. But now, there are plans to sell the three church buildings, hold church some place else and approach other churches to join with us in hopes of maybe building a new central church for the area. As Nelson Mandela said, "Decisions are complex, and there are always competing factors. Nothing is ever as straight forward as it appears. Sometimes we must move slowly so that the full reality sinks in before we venture on."

I know we have to do something, but because of the deep roots here I'm sad to let one more part of Ontario history disappear.

Janet Quinton

*- appeared in the West Elgin Chronicle  
Aug. 2008*

# Churches close as they prepare to merge

2008

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Two of three local Presbyterian churches have closed their buildings this week as part of a plan to amalgamate the congregations.

Knox Presbyterian Church on the corner of Black's Road and Kintyre Line closed Sept. 21 and Knox Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow closed Sept. 24. The next church scheduled to close is St. John's Presbyterian Church in Rodney Sept. 28. Last April, the members of the three churches voted 85 percent in favor of closing the three buildings so they could merge the congregations.

A service was held at Knox Kintyre and Knox New Glasgow churches on their closing dates so the congregations could worship there one last time. A service will also be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church on its closing day at 3:00 p.m.

Reverend Johan Olivier, the Interim Moderator of Knox Kintyre Church, lead the closing worship service Sept. 21 and reminded everyone that closing the building does not mean the closing of the con-

gregation. The congregations will worship at Calvary United Church in Rodney until a new building is found where they will begin as the congregation of Trinity West Elgin.

"When you come across the word 'church' in the New Testament, it's never a place or a building, it's always people. When people continue the ministry of the risen Christ, there's the church," said Olivier. "I'm sad. It's very sad to close buildings, but I'm also very excited about the future of three smaller congregations joining forces to do something new."

Olivier gave a sermon about what is needed for a healthy congregation, which includes fellowship, prayer, and trust in the will of god.

The church in New Glasgow was built in 1854. Knox Kintyre Church was built in 1861, and St. John's Church was built in 1877. The advanced age of the buildings, along with a decline in attendance, is what led to the decision to close the buildings and join the congregations.

Shirley Walker has played music for worship services at Kintyre Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. On Sept. 24 she played there for the last time. Walker has been going to Kintyre Presbyterian Church all her life; she was baptized and attended Sunday School there.

"The people here were always very kind and community-minded. I've been here almost since I was born. My parents, my grandparents went here. I just found it to be a very close-knit group," she said.

Walker has also been playing at the United Church of West Lorne for the last 30 years and she will continue to play there.

The three churches go back to the early settlement days of the local area. Scottish Presbyterians landed in the Aldborough Township area in 1816. Reverend Alex Ross was the first Presbyterian Minister in Western Ontario and organized the congregation for Knox Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow.

2008

## Three churches closing; congregations merging

Three area Presbyterian Churches will close next month, and the congregations will join together to find a new place to worship.

St. John's Presbyterian Church in Rodney, Knox Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow, and Knox Presbyterian Church on the corner of Kintyre Line and Black's Road will all close, probably around the end of September. The members of the three congregations voted last April that they were 85 percent in favor of a comprehensive plan to amalgamate the churches and close all three buildings. The Presbytery of London supported this vote in June. Low atten-

dance, coupled with the advanced age of the buildings, has led to a conclusion that the three congregations be merged.

"One of the first things that needs to happen is we need to be honest with ourselves and recognize that our congregations do not require three buildings," said John Van Vliet, the Interim Minister for the churches. "It was determined that none of the three buildings are particularly suitable if we're going to go forward as a contemporary, 21st century church."

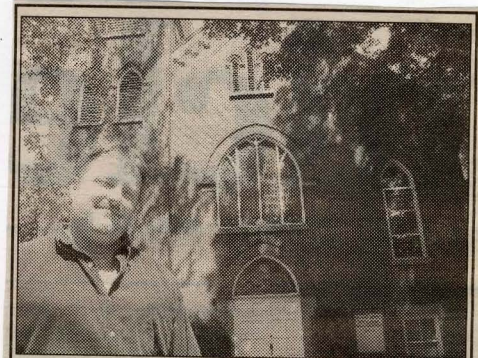
The three congregations will worship at Calvary United Church in Rodney until a new building is

found.

John Van Vliet was appointed as Interim Minister in January. He has the stated purpose of helping the three churches work toward amalgamation. He will be replaced sometime after the congregations move to a new building. He said the exact closing dates are still unofficial.

The possible closing dates are Sept. 21 for Knox Kintyre Presbyterian Church, Sept. 24 for Knox New Glasgow Church, and Sept. 28 for St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Please see Historic Churches, page 2



JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

### St. John's Church

Minister John Van Vliet stood outside St. John's Presbyterian Church in Rodney. It's one of three church buildings that will close next month.

## Historic churches closing in Rodney and New Glasgow

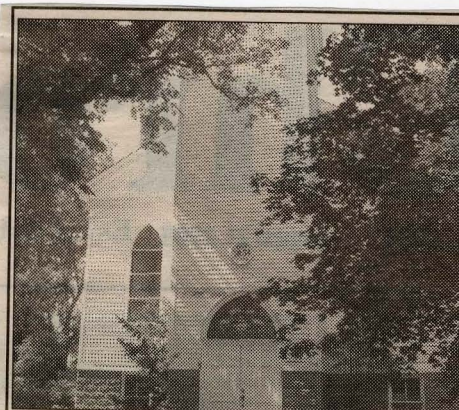
Local history expert Harley Lashbrook of West Lorne shared some of the history of the three buildings with The Chronicle. Knox Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow is the oldest of the three churches. Settlers from Scotland, many of them Presbyterians, were arriving in the Aldborough Township area as early as 1816. It was in 1827 that a minister, Reverend Alex Ross, was sent from Scotland. He was the first Presbyterian Minister in Western Ontario and he organized the congregation that would one day worship in the Knox Presbyterian Church. Land was secured for the church in 1853 and in 1854, the Knox Presbyterian Church was built. A bottle of whisky was broken on the church tower to christen it. The building was given major renovations in 1915; given a basement, new seats and memorial windows.

The Knox Kintyre Church was built in 1861 and St. John's Presbyterian Church was built in 1877. There's roughly seven kilometers between each church. That was a more significant distance to travel in horse and buggy times, but in the modern day, churches don't need to be that close together. There is some concern that once the buildings are sold, this could be a loss to local history.

"We own churches for the purpose of having a place to worship. When our needs change, we need to reconsider the church situation. I do sympathize with the fact that there will be some kind of loss to the community, however, the church needs to focus on what's important to the church which is spiritual growth and renewal," said Van Vliet.

Van Vliet said low attendance in churches is a trend in many communities.

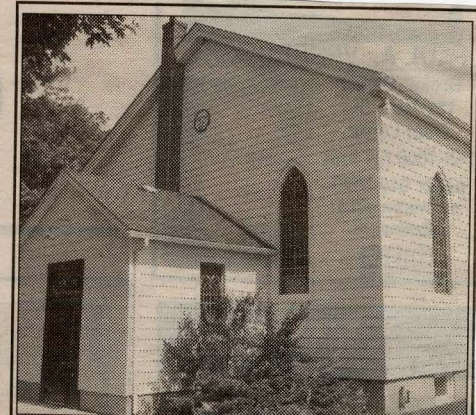
"We have a situation, which is certainly not unique to this area, where fewer people are maintaining a building and much of their best effort, both financial and personal, is going into maintaining a building as opposed to any kind of Christian outreach or anything that the church is supposed to stand for," he said.



JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

### Knox Presbyterian Church

Knox Presbyterian in New Glasgow is the oldest of the three buildings; built in 1854.



JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

### Knox Kintyre Church

Knox Kintyre Presbyterian church was built in 1861.



*Friends of Kintyre*

*Please Join Us For A*

# *Christmas Potluck*

*Tuesday, December 16*

*6pm, 2008*

*Clachan Hall*

*Everyone Welcome!*

*Please bring plates & cutlery*

*Drinks will be provided*

*In honour of the  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of*

*George and Janet Quinton*

*their children and grandchildren  
cordially invite you to a  
celebration on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

*Reception 5pm*

*Dinner 6pm*

*Dance to follow*

*Elgin International Club  
Kerr Road at Pioneer Line  
West Lorne, ON*

*RSVP by March 22, 2008 to Susan at  
(416) 850-5578 or quintonsd@hotmail.com*



b.r.- David Smith w.son Drew, Susan Quinton Stemp & Michael Stemp, Grace Brady Quinton & Allan Quinton Peter Cybulski -m.r. McKayla Cybulski, Carolyn Quinton Smith, George Quinton, Janet Campbell Quinton, Mark Quinton, Nancy Quinton Cybulski, Jodie Quinton-f.r. Will Smith, Maeve Stemp, Charlie Stemp



You are  
Cordially Invited to Join  
In the

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Celebration Of

**Allan & Lois Woolner**

Saturday July 12, 2008  
8:00pm

Rodney Legion  
Dancing & Evening Lunch  
Casual Dress

RSVP to Judy by July 1  
519-693-4680  
[judy.macuda@pioneer.com](mailto:judy.macuda@pioneer.com)

Best Wishes Only Please  
Donations to Local Food Bank Gratefully Accepted



B.r.—Rob Rodger, Judy Woolner  
Macuda, Ruth Anne Woolner  
McCallum, Ken McCallum & son  
Ian McCallum, Jeffrey Kerkvliet,  
Carol Woolner Kerkvliet, Peter  
Kerkvliet, Michael Kerkvliet,  
F.r.—Allan Woolner, Lois Baker  
Woolner, & Jason Kerkvliet

JANUARY 26, 2009

Vol.  
Hours:

Hostess: Katherine Johnston  
Reading: Doris McIntyre & Willa Johnston  
Roll Call: What country, other than Canada,  
would you like to live in?  
Program: Katherine Johnston  
Lunch: Doris McIntyre, Florence McIntyre

Invitation to Participate

We are looking for farmers interested in participating in a feasibility study that will assist with the early recognition and prevention of asthma. Farmers will need to live or work on a farm located in the Western Elgin Area (Dutton, West Lorne, and Rodney). The study will take place at the West Elgin Community Health Centre and will include the completion of questionnaires and an evening educational session on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for your support to help improve the health of our agricultural sector.

If you would like to participate in or have questions regarding the study, please contact Diane Van Dyk at [dvandyk@wehc.on.ca](mailto:dvandyk@wehc.on.ca) or 519-768-1715 ext. 2224.

*Program - Diane Van Dyke from the Health Centre topic was 'Asthma Among Farmers'*

*Rodney Aldborough Fair Board Mtg at Clackan Hall*



*Gayle McFadden*



*Lynda Ford, Allison Hawkin, Laura & Andy Kierasiewicz, Steve Lerno, Melonie McLeod, Deb Lerno, June McLarty*



*Lois Woolmer, Helen McWilliams - W.I catered the meal*



*Bernie Wiehle*

*Judy Macuda, Gayle McFadden, Dan Loo, Jason Downie*

**FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Vol.  
Hours:

*95th Anniversary of Clachan W.I.*

Hostess: Louise Woolner at Clachan Hall

Reading: Marie Spence or Janet Quinton

Roll Call: A personal, memorable event.

Bring item for silent auction

Program: Invite West Lorne W.I. and Crinan W.I.  
to luncheon

Lunch: Social Committee to organize luncheon



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### Celebrating 95 years.

Members of the Clachan Women's Institute celebrated the organization's 95th anniversary Feb. 23 at the Clachan Community Hall. They enjoyed a lunch, an anniversary cake and a performance by Daisy-May the clown. Grace Campbell, the Elgin County District President of the Women's Institute was there as a guest speaker. The Clachan Community Hall has been nearly finished renovations including a new furnace, windows and bathroom. The renovations were made possible through a Trillium grant the W.I. received in the amount of \$30,600.



*Florence McIntyre + Louise Long*



*Gwen McLean, Helen McWilliams*



*Helen McWilliams, Beola Lawrence, Nancy Lashbrook,  
Gwen McLean, Mary Lippold, Olive Chambers,  
Iwilla McWilliams, Lois Woolner, Shirley Walker  
Dorothy Japac, Cathy Johnston. Donna Driver*



Martha Groniger, Gwen McLean, Donna Driver



Jean Jamieson, Annie Isobel Tait, & Mary Fluker



Hilda Morden, Grace Campbell, Jill Morden.



Marjorie Thompson, Dorothy Japer, Jackie Leitch





Mary Lippold, Ruth Johnston, Willa Johnston,  
Nancy Lashbrook

Martha  
Groniger  
→



Marie Bell, Norma McGill



Marjorie Thomason, Maxine Leggit, Joyce  
Wright, June Purcel.  
"The Bergsey Sisters"



Louise Long, Mary Wootten as  
Daisy May



Marie Spence, Olive Chambers, Betty Johnston,  
Leola Lawrence



Theressa St Pierre listening to Chris Aldred

<sup>31</sup> MARCH 23, 2009

Hostess: Janet Quinton at Clachan Hall  
 Reading: Janet Quinton  
 Roll Call: Bring a wooden article that has relevance to you  
 Program: Janet Quinton  
 Lunch: Lois Woolner, Marie Spence

Vol. Hours:

Chris spoke on the history of the stone house across the road from the Fairfield Museum on Hwy 2. Originally built in 1870 - clap board Stan Gamble from Detroit bought it in 1920 + changed it to a stone house during the 30's. It was a popular tea room in the 1940's and 50's. Some weddings were held there. Empty since the late 1980's and now Chris is busy restoring it as close to the original as he can.

APRIL 27, 2009

Vol. Hours:

Hostess: Marie Spence  
 Reading: Betty Johnston  
 Roll Call: Pay Dues  
 Program: Dinner Out - Smokehouse in Ridgetown at 12:30 p.m.  
 Annual Meeting to Follow



After yrs. living in our community Betty Johnston had an auction sale on May 2009 + moved to her hometown of Dutton.



S.R. Janet Quinton, Theressa St. Pierre, Marie Spence, Alma Johnston, Lois Woolner, E.L. Cathy Johnston, Florence Mc Intyre, Wills Johnston, Louise Long + Helen Mc Williams. (Marie Spence's home)

# Celebrating survivors and responders

Super Shopper Staff

An ambulance siren could be the sound of success.

Every day, someone in Elgin has a heart attack – a cardiac arrest – and it begins a long chain of events, with bystanders, first aiders, dispatchers, paramedics, firefighters, police, ambulance drivers and the hospital system. One patient, a dozen workers.

On Tuesday May 12, Elgin County Council and Elgin-St. Thomas Emergency Services hosted a unique event to celebrate the survivors of cardiac arrest.

Why?

“Simply put, there are so few survivors,” says Jim Malik, the manager for emergency medical services in Elgin and St. Thomas. “It’s a big picture, and for a person to survive, it’s a big undertaking. Every minute that goes by, the chance of survival decreases considerably. When someone lives to tell about it, it’s a success for everyone involved.”

The Survivors Celebration event, held since 2005, is often the first time emergency workers learn the outcome of their efforts. Most never have a chance to meet the people they have assisted, and the event is the only chance for survivors to meet and thank those involved. “It’s an opportunity to recognize the survival of the client and the success of the emergency responders, says Jim.

\* Dorothy Long is one example of a grateful survivor.

Last September, on the way to church with her friend Shirley Schneider, Dorothy wasn’t her



Paramedic Emily Hachey meets Shirley Schneider at the Cardiac Arrest Survivors event on May 12. Shirley was the first on the scene when Dorothy Long (shown below) had a cardiac arrest.

usually chatty self. Soon she found herself tensed, her foot on the brake. Shirley helped her get the car off the road, and started yelling for help.

As if on cue, Tracy Van Brede and her daughter Courtney passed by on their usual run. Incredibly, they had just taken a CPR course, so they went to work. “I was surprised at how hard you have to compress,” observed Shirley.

Paramedics Kevin Rivard and Emily Hachey were at a standby point in West Lorne, so they arrived in only 10 minutes. “When we arrived,” says Emily, “Tracy was doing CPR well”. After one shock from the defibrillator, Dorothy revived, with full recovery of blood pressure en route to the hospital.

Starting CPR is crucial for surviving a cardiac arrest. “In only 14% of cases has CPR been started by bystanders before



Dorothy Long attends the Cardiac Arrest Survivors event on May 12.

the professional emergency responders arrive,” notes Jim Malik. “The ability to do CPR is

extremely important. It saves lives.”

Unfortunately Tracy and Courtney Van Brede couldn’t be part of the celebration May 12.

At the event, Dorothy seemed a little shy, even though she’d told her story many times. “I really want to give credit to the Van Brede’s, the paramedics, the ambulance driver.” After the speeches, Emily, Shirley and Dorothy chatted quietly over lunch about the experience. “I don’t remember saying anything,” says Emily, “but I do remember them cheering when we got a pulse back.”

And Shirley? She’s recovered fully, and on April 10, began to drive again. “I think God had it all set up. The coincidences were too big. I’m thankful.”

APRIL 27, 2009

Vol.  
Hours:

Hostess: Marie Spence

Reading: Betty Johnston

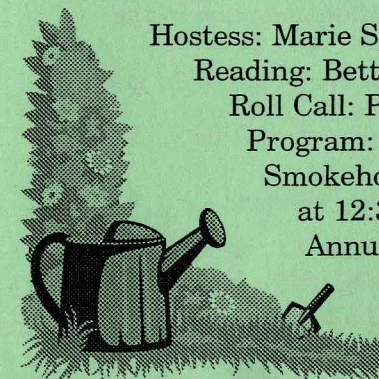
Roll Call: Pay Dues

Program: Dinner Out -

Smokehouse in Ridgetown

at 12:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting to Follow





*"The Stone House"*

MAY 25, 2009—7:30

Hostess: Janet Quinton  
 Program: video / tweedsmuir history  
 Lunch: Lois Woolner, Janet Quinton



*Florence McIntyre, Alma Johnston, Lynda Ford, Helen McWilliams, Lois Woolner looking at the Tweedsmuir History Album*

*May, 2009*

*Hosted: Janet Quinton*

*Reading: " "*

*Roll Call: Roll call ideas*

*Program: Tweedsmuir Bks.*

*Lunch: Janet + Lois Woolner*



*Cathy Johnston, Bev (Long) Welch, Janet Quinton, Marie Spence.*

#### Grandma's Apron ...

I don't think our kids know what an apron IS....

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Presenting:  
the **Duncombe Rebellion 1837**

DUNCOMBE  
DAYS 2009

Live Theatre  
in Historic  
Settings!



illustration by C.W. Jeffreys (Imperial Oil Collection)

Written by:  
**Marion  
Johnson**

Directed by:  
**Jason Rip**

May 15-18  
Fanshawe Pioneer Village

June 6  
Sparta

June 13  
Lexington, Michigan

June 20  
Wardsville

JUNE 29, 2009----12:30

Road trip to Glass House, Chatham

Program: Tour the Nursery and visit  
Willa Johnston's Residence

## The Duncombe Rebellion

-Submitted by Mary Simpson

Wardsville: 'The Duncombe Rebellion' is about ordinary people caught up in a struggle for something we all take for granted - the right to govern ourselves.

This past Monday, the Wardsville community met to work on plans for KinDay June 20th which features a living history play about a fight for democracy that ended in disaster. The play launches the 50th anniversary celebration at Fanshawe Pioneer Village Victoria Day weekend May 15 to 18 and continues on tour in June to Sparta, Wardsville and Lexington Michigan.

Al Leitch, an actor playing Henry Morrow, a Loyalist militia man, explained the military aspect of the story. Laura Jean McCann, a cellist, talked about how she will create the sound and ambience.

Eleanor Blain, Vice President of the Your Wardsville community association, says that it's a great opportunity for local people to witness their own history.

The play tours three historic sites connected with Duncombe's story. In beautiful Sparta on Saturday June 6, a highlight will be a re-creation by Rev Nick Wells of Colonel Thomas Talbot's St George Day speech in 1834 - an effort by the ruling Family Compact to crush the growing unrest. Sparta is also planning tours, displays and a visit to the grave of Joshua Doan, Quaker farmer and martyr to the rebel cause.

Relatives of the rebels are curious to see this story come to life. Ged Doan from Wardsville is a direct descendent of Joshua Doan. "I'm no historian so this play will be a great way to learn more about my family story."

On June 13 the play is presented in Lexington, Michigan, an area that was just beginning to develop in the 1830's. The connection to Duncombe is intriguing: Richard Shenick, a boy who travelled with him on his flight to freedom, became one of the many Canadian refugees who settled there after the rebellion and never returned to Upper Canada. Richard became a leading pioneer in the area. His life story will come full circle when a busload of Canadian actors arrives in Lexington to tell how it all began.

The final performance of 'The Duncombe Rebellion' takes place on Saturday June 20 in Wardsville - a historic village on Highway 2 that might adopt a new slogan: 'Charles Duncombe slept here'. For a modest price, 'Rebels and Quakers' can purchase matinee tickets and a dinner following - for slightly more, members of the 'Family Compact' can buy dinner, the play and an 'after-glow' party. There will be much to celebrate!

For further information contact: Nancy Johnson, Producer, Living History Productions [nancycjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:nancycjohnson@hotmail.com), (519) 657-3994 <http://www.duncombedays.ca>, or Mary Simpson 519 287 3566.

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Meet  
Our  
REBEL  
Cast &  
Crew

# The Duncombe Rebellion 1837

## PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTE

The Duncombe Rebellion is a quintessential Canadian story -- lots of partisan strife but little violence. Small acts of heroism and occasional moments of tragic martyrdom. An obscure story that deserves to be better known because it tells us so much about who we are as Canadians. It was an honour to have this opportunity to write the play, so that the struggles of the past can be finally recognized and vindicated. - Marion

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Combining my two great passions of theatre and local history is always a thrill - it's also a rare treat to be working with someone else's research and words. Being something of a rebellious spirit myself, I sympathize with Charles Duncombe even while recognizing the doomed and pathetic side of his most Canadian "Rebellion." In cowed, complacent, TV-watching modernity, there's not much of a chance that we'll take up pitchfork in hand for anything. There was a time when people considered themselves active citizens rather than just consumers, and believed they could rise up and make a difference. Here's a little nostalgia for the dreams of Duncombe, Doane, and the rest - dreams that the wind carried rapidly away. - Jason

**NANCY JOHNSON - PRODUCER**  
Partner/producer/President of Lockwood Films, the london-based production company that gave London three important cultural films: Doctor Woman, Greg Curnoe, and James Reaney: Listening to the Wind. Nancy is thrilled to transfer those skills to the world of live theatre and be part of the enthusiastic, talented team who are bringing the story of Dr. Charles Duncombe to life.

**JASON RIP - DIRECTOR**  
Jason is Artistic Director of Theatre Nemesis, a published author and journalist, the writer of forty plays, and an all around theatre workaholic.

**MARION JOHNSON - PLAYWRIGHT**  
Marion is a writer who has worked in film, fiction and drama. Her adaptations of nineteenth century novels (Pride & Prejudice, Wuthering Heights) won 'Best of Fringe' in 2006 and 2008. Recently her work has appeared in the Playwrights' Cabaret (Grand Theatre), Library Shorts (London Public Library), and the London One Act Festival. Her play Wuthering Heights was produced by Glenvale Players in Toronto this past March.

**LAURA JEAN MCCANN - CELLIST / SOUNDSCAPE DESIGNER**  
Laura Jean is honoured to be the cellist working with Jason Rip in creating an original sound environment. Previous experience includes being Principal cellist for the International Symphony, cellist with London Chamber Orchestra and Corelli Consort. Previous community theatre experience includes being Artistic Director for Aylmer Community Theatre; directing Godspell, Drinking Alone, and Sylvia; acting, stage managing, and producing.

**ALICE GIBB - RESEARCHER**  
Editor of six books for regional townships, writer of history columns for a variety of regional publications.

# CAST

## IAIN AILLES - RICHARD SHENICK

Iain is an energetic and eager young boy starting his career in acting with this production. He proudly attends L.B. Pearson's School for the Arts.

## DEAN HALL - CHARLES TILDEN / RICHARD SHENICK (AGE 80)

Dean has appeared in scores of roles over a 45 year adventure in acting that began back in London Little Theatre days. He has directed extensively and won W.O.D.L. and Theatre Ontario awards for his scenic and lighting design. He toured the country with the famous Second City Comedy Cabaret and taught highschool and university Theatre Arts.

## CLARA MADRENAS - FRANCIE DOAN

Clara's most recent roles include Rhiannon in Theatre Nemesis' Home From The Forest, Juno in Fountainhead Theatre's series of staged screenplay readings, and Amy in Little Women (London Fringe Festival). She has just finished her first year of study at the University of Western Ontario.

## CHRISTOPHER F. PARKER - CAPTAIN PHILLIPS / JIM KELLY

Chris has performed on London and area stages since 2003. Past performances include the last four Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and Inherit the Wind, She Stoops To Conquer, Moon Over Buffalo, The Petrified Forest, Sorry, Wrong Number, The Nerd, Annie Get Your Gun (Producer), and One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. Christopher dedicates his performances to Ms. Erin Neal, Stratford and American stage actor, dancer and friend. "Blue skies"

## RENEE BORG - LADY JULIA BOND HEAD

Renee has been involved with London Community Players for over 3 years, mostly behind the scenes as part of props or front of house. She recently appeared as Mrs. Blair in Inherit the Wind, and in the chorus of Musical Theatre Production's Nunsense. Renee also sings with Fanshawe Chorus London.

## KIM KAITELL - HULDAH SHENICK

Kim can't imagine anything better than environmental theatre. She has been busy this year with Spirits of Petersville, Returnity, and Sisters (LOAF). Kim would like to thank Jason, Marion, Mary, Nancy, Brenda (for the lovely dress!) and everyone who has made this show meaningful and fun!

## MARIA MARSH - MISS KINGSLEY/ HULDAH SHENICK (JUNE 6, SPARTA)

Recently, Maria performed as one of the townspeople in Inherit the Wind (London Community Players). In St. Thomas she has appeared as the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland (Capitol Theatre), Bridget in The Bride and Nurse Pepper, and Francine in a Gift of Murder (both Fanshawe Theatre).

## DAN ROBERSON - JOSHUA DOAN

Dan previously appeared as Simon in the 2008 VIP anti-violence presentation, Simon the Bully. Other roles have included Hareton Earnshaw in Wuthering Heights (London Fringe Festival) and Stage Manager for 7 Stories (Passionfool).

## MASON ZIMMER - THOMAS BAINBRIDGE

This is Mason's first production with his parents. Last year, Mason was Mayor George Shinn in Catholic Central's Brickenden award winning production of The Music Man. His seven years with Original Kids Theatre Company culminated in 2008 when he played Kuryatin the Dentist and the Army General in The Good Doctor.

## ANDREW GIBBES - SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD

After travelling Siberia, the Australian deserts, the jungles of Borneo, and 1000 miles of the Amazon basin, Andrew settled in London 15 years ago. He has appeared in over 50 productions since. He has found this role of a pompous buffoon somewhat of a 'stretch' (!?) but hopes he has risen to the challenge!!!

## AL LEITCH - HENRY MORROW

Al has been active in numerous community theatre groups over the past number of years. He was last seen in London Community Players' production of Dear Santa as the jolly old elf himself. Al shares his life both on and offstage with his partner and best friend Laura Jean.

## KATHLEEN MORRISON - MISS KINGSLEY (JUNE 6, SPARTA)

Kathleen has been active in community theatre for about 15 years. Recent credits include Birth (Bold), How the Circus Vanished (Red and White Theatre), Clean-Up Time (LOAF) and Our Town (Fountainhead Theatreworks). Her background includes working in television and being a mother of two wonderful children.

## JASON SOUSA - DR. CHARLES DUNCOMBE

After a 10 year hiatus from the stage, during which he trained with Toronto acting coach Ginger Friedman, Jason decided to 'break a leg' and dive right in. Playing the role of a historical figure in Canadian history adds an element of realism that fascinates him. If all the world is truly a stage, then its history should, perhaps, be the director.

## MITCHELL ZIMMER - RED COAT OFFICER / TAVERN KEEPER / JUDGE

Mitchell was a juror in London Community Players' Inherit the Wind. He also performed with his wife, Maria Marsh, in two improvisational troupes after training with Patrick McKenna and Bruce Hunter at Second City in London.

# History is child's play

August 5, 2009

NATASHA MARAR  
Times-Journal

SHEDDEN — Antique toys, dolls and games highlighted the annual London Area Women's Institute Tweedsmuir workshop here Tuesday.

Around 90 women attended the event, which was hosted by the Elgin County District Women's Institute. There are more than 800 Women's Institutes in Ontario, and 12 in Elgin. Women's Institutes have been documenting local history in scrapbooks, called Tweedsmuir Histories, since the 1930s.

The all-day workshop featured presentations by Brian Masschaele, director of community and cultural services for Elgin county, Mike Baker, curator at the Elgin County Museum, and Marie Nancarrow, a member of the Elgin County Museum advisory committee.

Masschaele spoke about the role of archival records in the county, and the importance of preserving local history. He said the county is looking to create a holistic vision of its history by combining libraries, archives and tourism.

Masschaele also presented old military records, petitions, bylaws and newspaper

clippings. The Elgin County Archives is now home to 51 volumes of Tweedsmuir Histories, which are also available on the archives website.

"We almost doubled the size of our Tweedsmuir holdings since publishing that they were being digitized," Masschaele said. "The connection we've had with the archives and Women's Institutes has been instrumental to our success."

Baker and Nancarrow's presentations focused on the day's theme of antique toys and games. Baker brought collections of antique toys from the museum.

"We have some of the best pieces with us today," he said. "Many of the toys played with in the early 19th century are still with us."

Baker spoke about the evolution of childhood play and toy-making since the 1800s.

"It's the real world made miniature."

WI member Barbara McNabb of Melbourne, Ont., enjoyed the workshop.

"When they (Masschaele and Baker) do a presentation, it's beautifully done," she said. "I just remember being delighted."

The workshop wrapped up with an antique toys show-and-tell, group discussions of Tweedsmuir Histories and reports from each branch.



NATASHA MARAR Times-Journal

Barbara McNabb of Melbourne, Ont., checks out the antique toy displays at the annual London Area Tweedsmuir workshop held in Shedden on Tuesday.



NATASHA MARAR Times-Journal

Grace Campbell, president of Elgin County District Women's Institute, left, with Helen Van Brenk, Elgin County District Women's Institute Tweedsmuir curator, and speakers Brian Masschaele, Elgin county director of community and cultural services, Marie Nancarrow, Elgin County Museum advisory committee member, and Mike Baker, curator at Elgin County Museum, at the annual London Area Tweedsmuir workshop.



NATASHA MARAR Times-Journal

Helen Van Brenk, Tweedsmuir history curator for Elgin District Women's Institute, shows off an antique toy milk wagon she found at a yard sale, at an annual London Area Tweedsmuir workshop in Shedden on Tuesday. Coverage, page 4.



Hostess: Katherine Johnston  
 Reading: Betty Johnston  
 Roll Call: Memories of a Fall Fair  
 Program: Bev Welch  
 Lunch: Marie Spence, Louise Long  
 Katherine Johnston

GRADUATION



**Dr. Jacquelyn Fleming**, graduated with Honours from the University of Waterloo on June 10th with her Doctor of Optometry and her Honours Biology Degree. She also received an award for Optical Pharmacology. She has accepted a position at Dr. J Gall's Clinic in Aylmer. '09  
 Proud parents are Frank and Shelley Fleming.

**Fact 2:**

**The Bank is a non-profit, incorporated organization will help strengthen our local communities...**

As a regional cultural hub, *The Bank* will showcase all the communities of Dutton-Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin.

*The Bank* will support:

- cultural activities already offered
- and, look to create new opportunities to promote our traditions and local food economy that builds community pride.



**Fact 3:**

**The Bank will Enrich Educational Programming...**

*The Bank's* program will be a unique mixture of pictorial storytelling and local cultural cuisine with a whimsical twist. Programs for all ages:

- enrichment for school children
- life-long learning for seniors
- interest classes for

*The Arts & Cookery Bank...*

**Facts nothing but the Facts**

**FACT: 1** *The Bank*...Not your "classic" heritage centre! Its dynamic atmosphere — created through visual and culinary arts— will give you pause to think about the impact of our heritage and culture on the local food economy and your day-to-day lives.

**Fact 4:**

*The Bank is not...*

- A café
- A museum
- A retail shop

*Goals*

- Promote the value of a rural lifestyle.
- Inspire interest in the local food economy.
- Build community capacity to support our unique culture and heritage.

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 Mary Simpson

**Fact 5: Funding Strategy**

Use a private-public partnership approach:

- Gain in-kind and cash resources from businesses, corporations, private foundations and trusts
- Obtain grants at the Municipal, Provincial and Federal level
- Implement a five-stage community funding strategy
- Receive donated building (mortgage free) from Duncan Morrison and Grace McGartland
- Develop multiple streams of ongoing revenue: fee-based programming, annual fundraising, yearly support grants

**Fact 6: The funds will be used to...**

The proposed \$750,000 project involves:

- restoration of two-storey existing brick structure and 1895 timber frame barn
- construction of a new accessible entrance way, and
- equipping the photography gallery, demonstration kitchen facility and digital photography learning lab.

The flexible facility will ensure successful delivery of digital photography skills classes, hands-on, interactive culinary sessions, as well as, cultural, educational and recreational programming.

**Fact 7: Why Pictures and Food...**

- ☑ *The Bank's* photographic collection will tell the story of the community's culture and heritage and will promote the value of its rural lifestyle.
- ☑ *The Bank's* cookery experiences will help kindle passion for cooking and a value of our local food economy on our day to day lives.

**Fact 8: The Bank will enhance...**

- ☑ *Our Local Economy:* There will be an increased demand for community businesses: cultural and recreational attractions, restaurants, bed & breakfasts, farm gate markets and shops within the four municipalities... all helping to bolster the area's economy.

**Fact 9: Tourism has tremendous potential...**

- ☑ *Enhance our Cultural Tourism Opportunities:* As a cultural hub, *The Bank* will use fresh initiatives to position our area as a collective tourism experience that offers an authentic, hands-on rural experience.
- ☑ *Others are doing it...* Rising Tide Theatre Initiative (Trinity, Newfoundland), Lefurgey Cultural Centre (Prince Edward Island), Okanagan Cultural corridor (British Columbia).
- ☑ **N O W I T I S O U R T U R N ! ! !**

**FACT 10:**

*The Arts & Cookery Bank...a regional cultural hub* is a not-for-profit, incorporated organization  
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Showcasing the communities of the Dutton-Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin



15 September 2009

Janet Quinton  
RR #1  
Rodney, ON  
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Dear Mrs. Quinton,

Thank you for your donation of Clachan Women's Institute records on behalf of your organization. If you or any other members of your Women's Institute wish to consult these records in the future, the accession number is **AN 2009-23**.

Your donation will help to ensure that these records are properly preserved and made available to current and future generations.

Again, thank you for your kind donation.

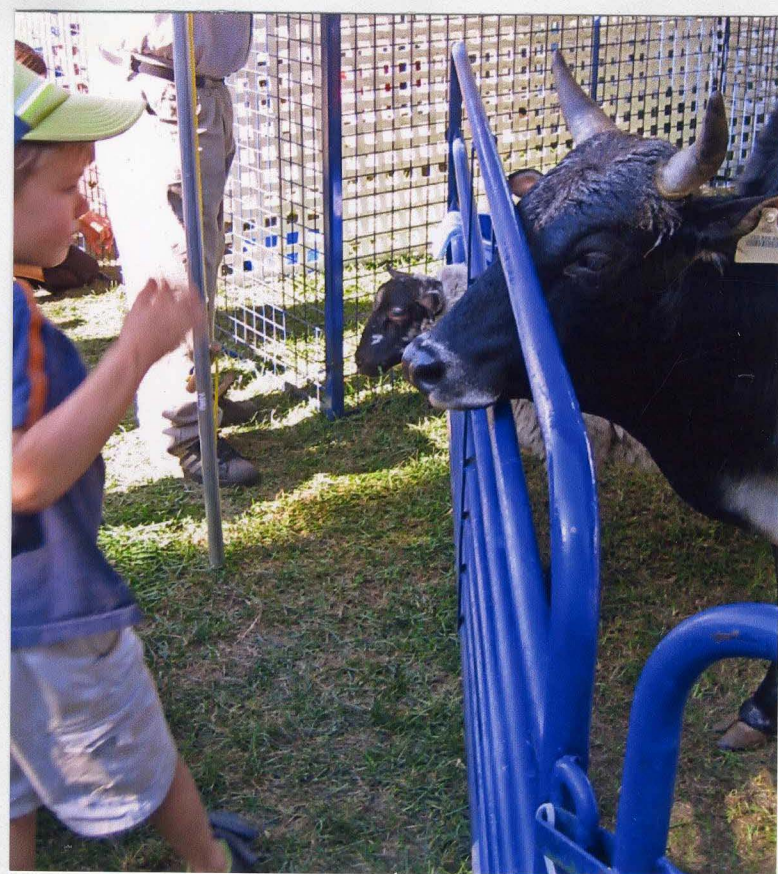
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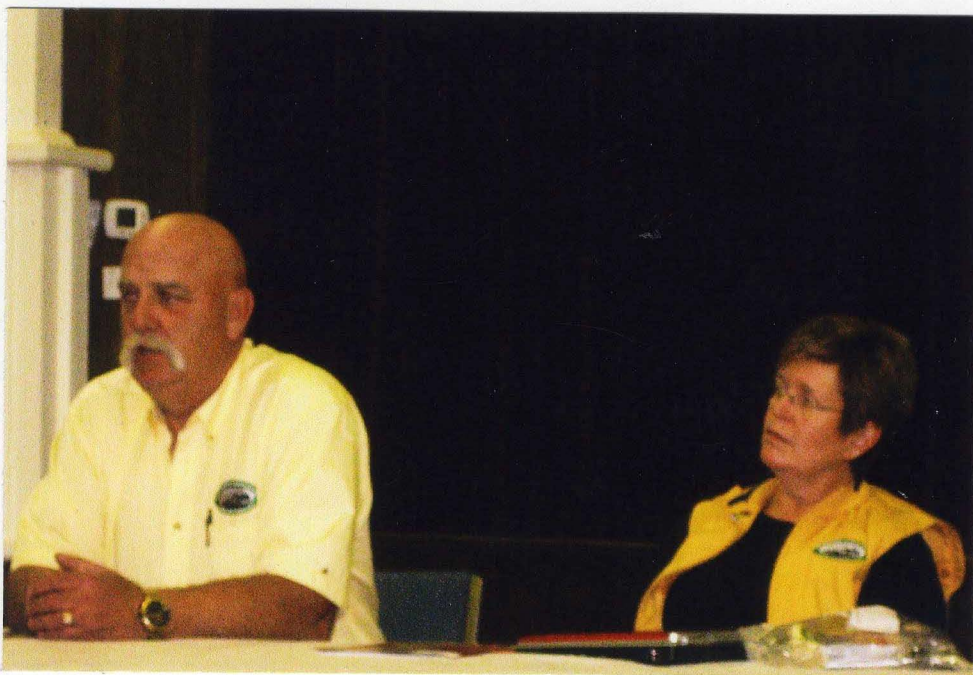
Rodney Fair - Sept 2009 -Charlie Stemp-



Don't think I'll pet him!

OCTOBER 26, 2009—7:30

Hostess: Helen McWilliams @Chachan Hall  
 Program: Helen McWilliams  
 Reading: Louise Long  
 Roll Call: What did you grumble about today  
 Lunch: Lois Woolner, Janet Quinton, Bev Welch



Duncan McPhail & his wife Norma are both involved in the International plowing match - 2010. Duncan gave a talk on the preparations.



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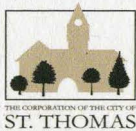
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 Hallowe'en Party  
 Committee—Margie Long  
 Marie Phillips  
 Jennifer Hoar  
 Lunch: Hot Dogs—W.I.



H1N1  
 Nov. 2009



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### Getting vaccinated

Jean Fleming of Rodney looked away as her H1N1 vaccination shot was administered by Dale Murray, Public Health nurse with Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health Nov. 19 in the Rodney Legion. H1N1 is a new version of the flu virus. It is spread from person to person, and causes the same symptoms as regular flu. In June, the World Health Organization declared H1N1 the first global flu pandemic in 41 years.

### November 30, 2009

Hostess: June Purcell  
 Reading: Bev Welch  
 Roll Call: A Christmas you remember  
 Program: Christmas—Marie Spence, Katherine Johnston  
 Lunch: Everyone bring a Christmas treat  
 Bring a white gift to donate



a. June Purcell, Helen McWilliams, Joyce Wright.  
 b. Susan Wilkins, Alma Johnston, Lois Woolner, Louise Verhoeven,  
 Cathy Johnston



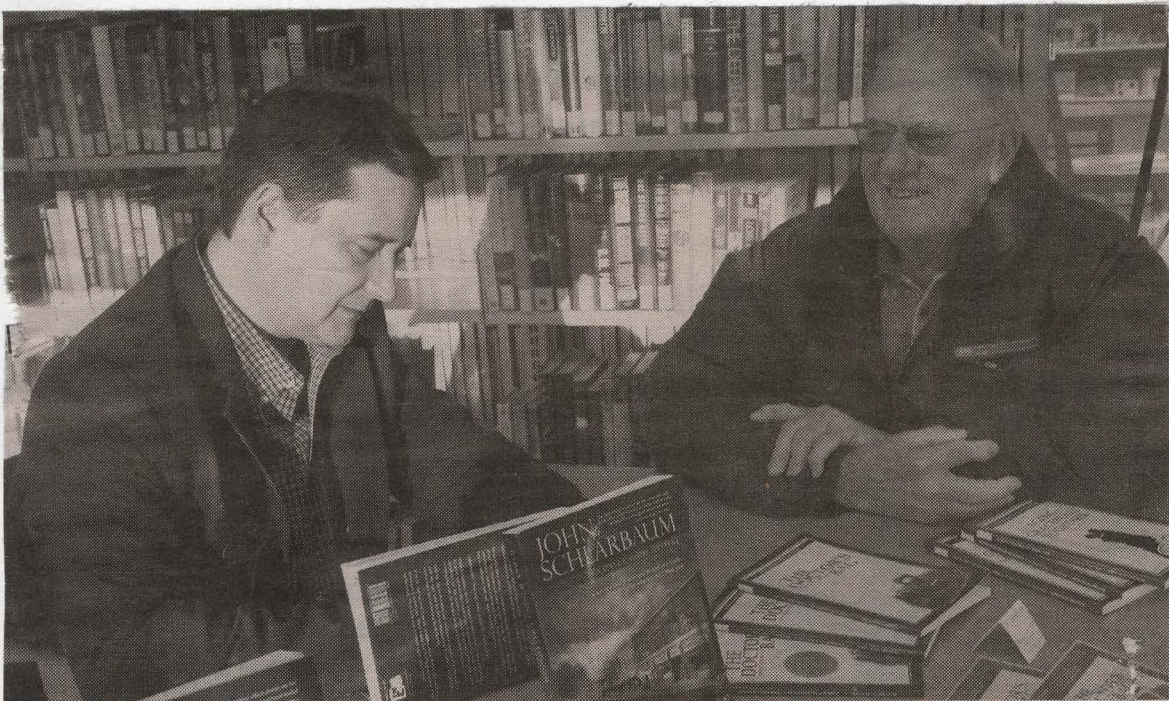
Susan (Spence) Wilkins teaching  
 Florence McIntyre how to make  
 a Christmas centerpiece.



*Joice Wright working on her centre piece*



*Jane Purcell, Helen McWilliamas, Joice Wright*



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### When Angels Fail to Fly

John Schlarbaum, Left, appeared at the Rodney Library Dec. 22 to promote his latest book, *When Angels Fail to Fly*. Schlarbaum grew up in West Lorne and currently owns a bookstore in Amherstburg. Bruce Cantelon, Right, stopped by to get Schlarbaum's signature.

## West Lorne author writes new book

Former West Lorne resident John Schlarbaum has just finished his latest novel, the second book in his Steve Cassidy Mystery series.

In 2008, the first book in the series, *Barry Jones' Cold Dinner* was released, featuring a mirror image of the main street of West Lorne on the cover as a tribute to Schlarbaum's home town. The new novel, *When Angels Fail To Fly*, may not picture West Lorne on the front, but it does continue the story of the series' main character, Steve Cassidy, as he finds himself again at odds with the law, the press, friends, and even other investigators.

"In the first novel Steve Cassidy was a man on a mission, not only to solve a big case, but to make amends for past personal and professional transgressions," said Schlarbaum. "Unfortunately, I could only scratch the surface of his many self-inflicted failures. After *Barry Jones' Cold Dinner* release, many readers

asked if more of Steve's so-called lost years would be revealed in the sequel. I am happy to say by the end of this book, everyone will know exactly what makes Steve tick, although they might not agree with some of his decisions."

Schlarbaum was raised in West Lorne and began his professional writing career while working as a Writer and Field Director for several nationally syndicated television programs. *The Doctor's Bag - A Sentimental Journey* was Schlarbaum's first book, followed by *Aging Gracefully Together - A Story of Love and Marriage*. In August, Schlarbaum opened an independent bookstore in Amherstburg, Ontario, called Page 233.

*When Angels Fail to Fly* is available locally at Marg's Variety in Rodney, West Elgin Pharmacy in West Lorne, and Crafts Plus in Dutton, as well as Schlarbaum's website: [www.scannerpublishing.com](http://www.scannerpublishing.com)



*Marie Spence's granddaughters - Bailey + Shelby - children of Peter + Houanne Spence*





BEATTIE HAVEN

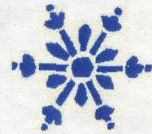
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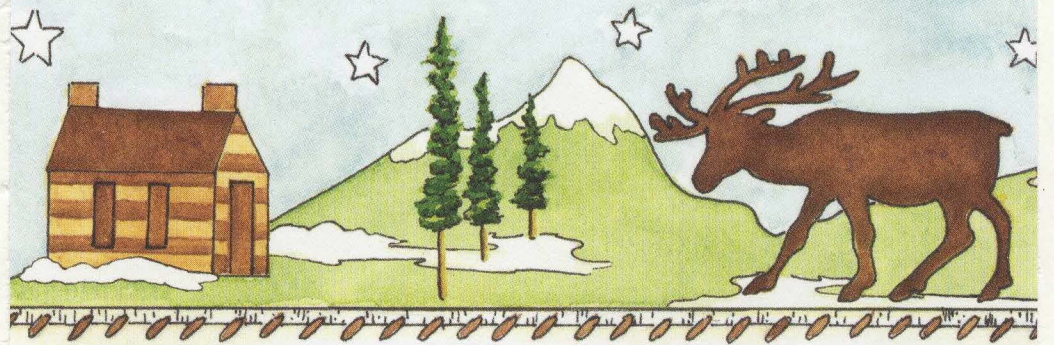
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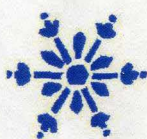
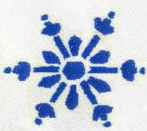
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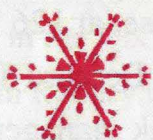
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**Joan Miller**

**126 Furnival Road, Rodney**

Nestled on the south side of Rodney, this "post war" house, at 126 Furnival Road, was originally built in 1950 by the late Bernard Toth. Many will remember Rodney's former Royal Bank manager, Cecil Harrison, who later occupied the home and sold it in 1972 to Mr. & Mrs. George Kovach.

The Robert J. Miller family have owned this lovely, one and a half story dwelling, complete with original plaster and coved 9 foot ceilings, for the past 21 years. It is complimented with a spacious front yard and landscaping completed by the late Robert J. Miller. A warm welcome awaits you!

**DECORATED by THE IRISH PATCH, RODNEY**



**126311 Furnival Road, Rodney**



This home is one of the original homes built in old Rodney in the early 1900s. Much of the wood trim and the beams in the livingroom are original. It was the only stuccoed house in Rodney until quite recently.

Over the years there have been additions and renovations, with the roof being raised over what is now the master bedroom and the kitchen remodeled about 12 years ago. This home which is much bigger than it looks from the outside lends itself to the holidays with a fireplace in the spacious dining room and a warm and cozy living room.

Seasons greetings and a warm welcome to all.

**DECORATED BY A DAY TO REMEMBER, DUTTON**



**Lois  
Allan & Louis Woolner**  
**20566 Johnston Line, Clachan**

This original house was built in 1958 by N.O. Hipet & Son of Preston, Ontario with 960 square feet of living area. The siding was board and batten style painted grey with white trim. In 1968 a breezeway and garage were built onto the west side of the house. Again in 1977 an addition was added to the front of the house which provided much needed living space. A fireplace occupies one corner of the living room.

During the 1990s the house was resided with white vinyl and a deck was built just outside the back door. It has been and continues to be a cozy, comfortable home where family and friends are always welcome.



**Donna Roelofs & Mark Gasparatto**  
**201137 Johnson Line, Clachan**

This property was originally purchased from the Crown in 1868 by my great grandfather, Angus Colguhoun. The house was built circa 1870. We have recently undergone a total renovation, including a 400 square foot kitchen addition, as well as retaining the original woodwork and tin ceiling in the diningroom. Come, share the warmth of "Castle Loch" with us.

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## Beattie Haven

Beattie Haven Retirement Community was built in 1964 by James A. Beattie, who grew up and lived in the Middlesex and Elgin County area. It is a charitable, non profit housing facility located in the southwest corner of Elgin County overlooking the Thames River. For 45 years, Beattie Haven has provided accommodation, meals, supportive services, nursing care and social activities for seniors. To continue to service the needs of our local seniors in the future, we need to fund raise. We thank you for your support.

Please join us in celebrating the season and join us for tea, coffee and goodies this festive time.



## Marianna & Marius Van Gemert 250 Longwood Rd. #2 Hwy Wardsville

This yellow sided bungalow style house was originally a flower shop. In 1952 Bob and Marion Wilson, whose permanent address was on Wellington St. where the Quad County offices are now located , built the little flower shop Hwy #2, with a green house, for Bob to run as a business. In 1964, Bob sold the business to Jim Fergus , who lived there with his wife and son. He renovated, adding a master bedroom, a very small bedroom, a small kitchen, sitting room and bathroom to the back of the shop. In 1983 the house was sold to the Shaw family. The VanGemerts bought it in 1986 turning it into the lovely house that it is today.

This house has been decorated by the owner. Donations were given by McNaughtons Home Hardware, Newbury, Lakeview Gardens, Eagle, and Webster's Flowers, Glencoe.



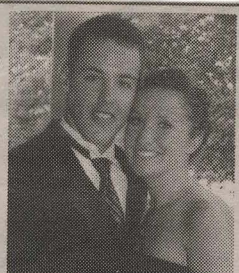
*Alma Johnston + Joice Wright*



*Cathy Johnston, Helen McWilliams talking to Willa Johnston, Lois + Allan Woolner, George Quinton, Theresa St Pierre behind George.*



*Helen McWilliams,  
Margie Long  
Florence McIntyre  
Elgin McIntyre*



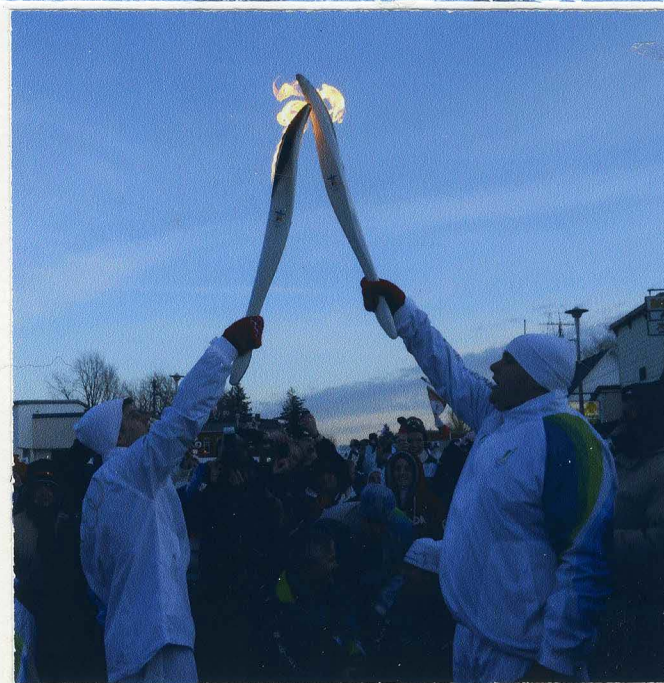
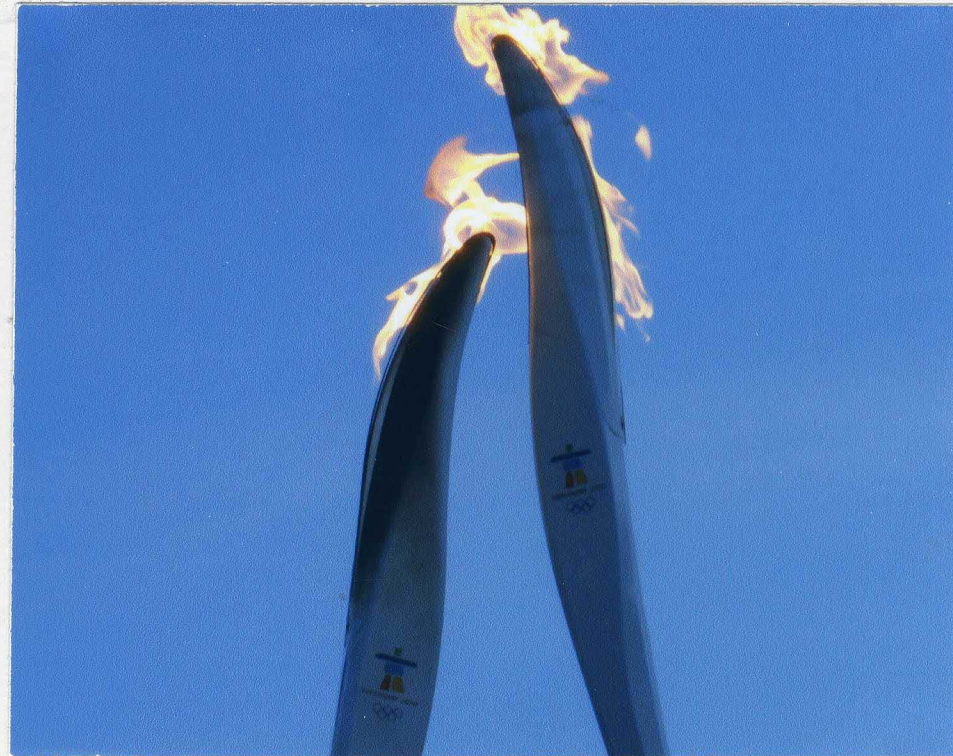
Ian & Kim Fleming and  
Mike & Ingrid Hentz are  
thrilled to announce the  
engagement of their children  
**Ashlee and Joe.**

The stag and doe will  
be held on  
December 19<sup>th</sup>  
in Dutton, followed  
by a July 2010 wedding.



*Janet Quinton + Marie Spence*

*Dinner held at Lakeview Gardens - Eagle*



*A. J. Fordham*



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### Carrying the torch

The Olympic Flame passed through Rodney Dec. 22 during the Olympic Torch Relay across Canada. Three torchbearers, Joe Richards, Helen Robertson and A.J. Fordham, carried the flame through Rodney and made themselves a part of Olympic history.

## Olympic Flame visits Rodney

For a glorious moment, the Olympic Flame that will burn brightly during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games was carried through the streets of Rodney.

Twelve thousand Canadians have been selected to carry the Olympic Flame over the course of 106 days as the torch passes through

over 1,000 communities across Canada. On Dec. 22, three torch bearers had the honour of carrying the flame through Rodney.

A.J. Fordham, 19, of Rodney was the first to carry the flame through Rodney. Three years ago, Fordham was in a car crash that gave him a brain injury and left him in a coma. Fordham

spent over 100 days in hospital relearning how to walk, talk, eat and perform other basic tasks. Carrying the Olympic Flame through his community is the most recent example of how that hard work towards recovery has paid off.

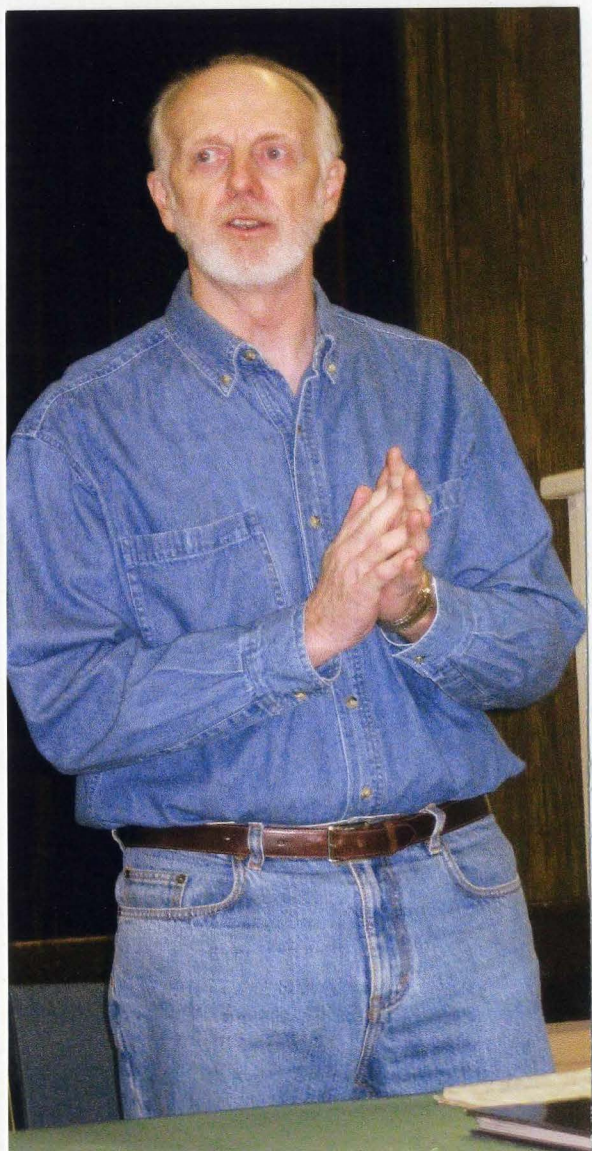
See *OLYMPIC*, Page 2





JANUARY 25, 2010----2:00

Hostess: Louise Long @Clachan hall  
Reading: Alma Johnston  
Roll Call: Old fashioned custom/remedy  
Program: Louise Long  
Lunch: Florence McIntyre, Janet Quinton  
June Purcell



*Guest Speaker - Ken Willis  
spoke on his trip to Scotland.*

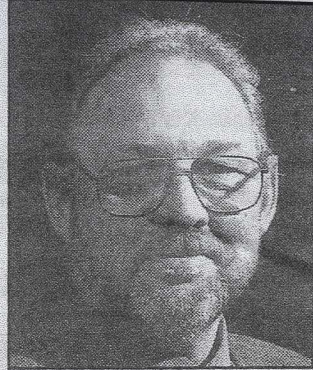
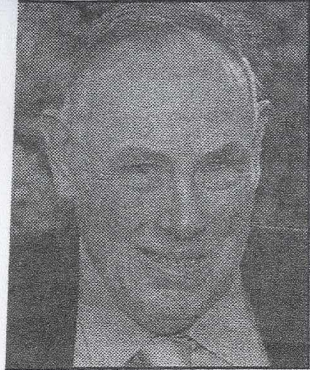
FEBRUARY 22, 2010----2:00

Roll Call: Favourite Plant/Flower  
Hostess: Lois Woolner  
Reading: Janet Quinton  
Roll Call: A hint to a healthy heart  
Program: Lois Woolner  
Lunch: Alma Johnston, Katherine Johnston



*Dean Titus - accountant informed us of the new  
H.S.T. (Harmonized Sales Tax) effective July, 2010.*





JOHN WALKER

PAUL MISTELE

# Walker, Mistele inducted into Elgin hall of fame

Feb, 2010

QMI Agency

An East Elgin dairyman who sold Canadian agriculture to the world, and a West Elgin pork producer who gave voice to farmers at home, were honoured in St. Thomas on Feb. 6.

John Walker, a founding member of the Canadian Livestock Exports Association, and the late Paul Mistele, an agriculture activist, were inducted into the Elgin Federation of Agriculture hall of fame at EFA's annual dinner and awards night.

The EFA annually celebrates local farmers who have made a contribution to both agriculture and to their communities.

"These men definitely fit the bill," says EFA secretary Roberta Gillard.

Walker, 77, of Walker Farms International, who founded a local livestock auction, was a 2008 inductee into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame for his work opening international markets to Canadian dairy cattle in almost 20 countries.

But the EFA also notes that for 20

years, he has volunteered to teach basic dairying to farmers in Mexico. And he supports a number of community organizations.

Mistele, who was 55 when he died in late 2008, was active in a number of agricultural organizations and was a vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture before his death.

But he also was founder of Ontario Pork Producers' donate-a-hog program in support of foodbanks.

He was a 2009 recipient of an Ontario Farm Animal Council Friend of OFAC Award for his leadership in animal agriculture.

Also at the dinner, the Elgin Business Resource Centre Ag-Business Award was presented to Dowler Karn Limited, a St. Thomas-based fuel supplier.

And the Kettle Creek Agricultural Conservation Scholarship was awarded to Jaelyn Kloepfer, Aylmer, studying agriculture at the University of Guelph.

The evening's speaker was humorist Eleanor Wood.



*Ed Ketchabaw, Mathew Mistele (son), Carol (Kriter) Mistele (wife) + Amanda Mistele (daughters) of Paul Mistele (photo)*



*War Brides - Edna Simpson + Ruby Fletcher talked about their experiences during and after the 2nd World War.*

MARCH 22, 2010-----2:00

Hostess: Alma Johnston @Clachan Hall

Reading: June Purcell

Roll Call: What I serve when company arrives unexpectedly

Program: Alma Johnston

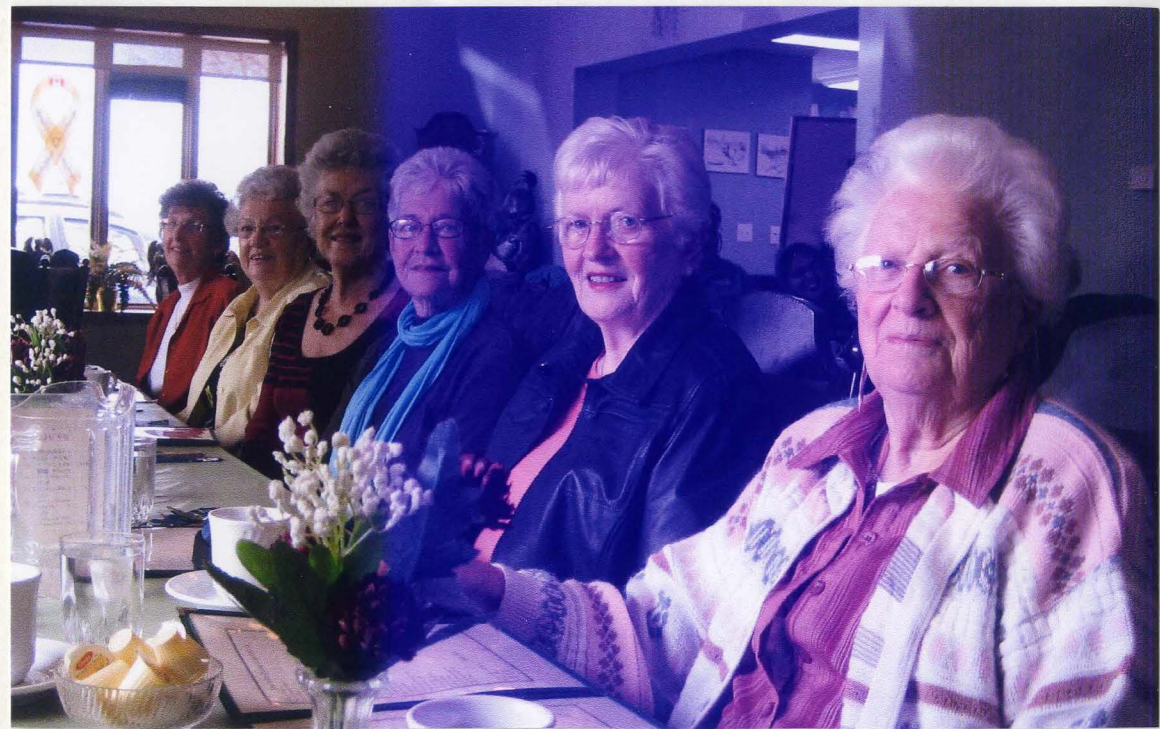
Lunch: Helen McWilliams, Lois Woolner  
Alma Johnston

APRIL 10, 2010—1:00

Dessert Tea and Card Party  
Clachan Hall

APRIL 27, 2010—12:30

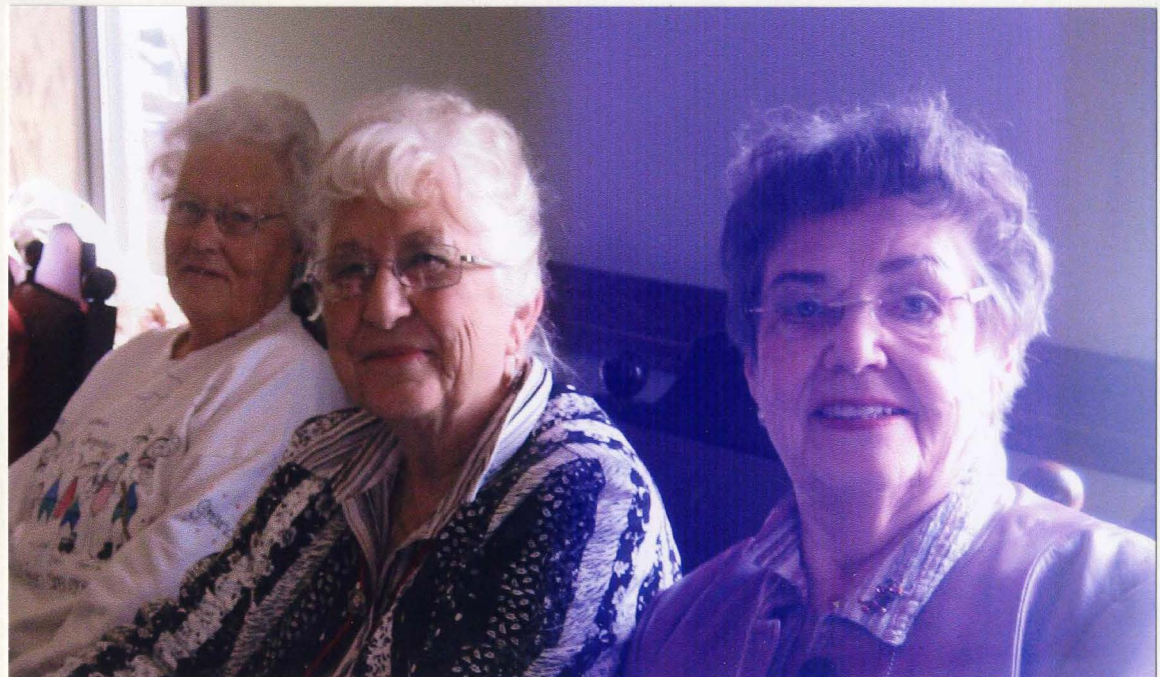
Hostess: Marie Spence  
Reading: Helen McWilliams  
Roll Call: Pay Dues  
Program: Dinner Out  
Route 79, Bothwell  
Annual meeting to follow



*Lois Woolner, Cathy Johnston, Alma, Johnston,  
Joyce Wright, Janet Quinton, Florence McIntyre*



*Brenda (Johnston) Cousins, Willa Johnston,  
Helen McWilliams, June Purcell*



*Louise Long, Marie Spence, Betty Johnston*

# GEORGE WARD COMMEMORATIVE QUILT

## A tribute to Wardsville and its founder

Sue Ellis and Eleanor Blain unveiled the George Ward Commemorative Quilt May 14 at Wardsville United Church. The quilt is ready in time to enter into the International Plowing Match Quilt Competition.

### Submitted

Wardsville- In October 2009, Wardsville's quilt committee began designing a fabric quilt to commemorate their community's bicentennial and founder, George Ward.

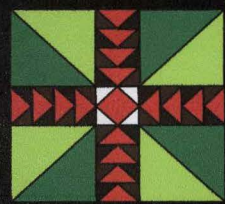
George Ward had a long and interesting life. The Ward family's struggles, the Battle of the Longwoods, and the social history of that time have been brought to life through a commemorative quilt that features thirty quilt blocks symbolizing Ward's life, his birth in Ireland, his involvement in several Wars in Europe as well as in North America, and the request from the British government for him to homestead in the Wardsville area in 1810. There are thirty blocks and there is a story to go with each one.

A tremendous number of hours go into a quilt. From selecting fabric to cutting shapes to the hundreds of hours of stitching, Sue Ellis and Eleanor Blain involved many experienced and non-experienced quilters in the creation of the quilt. The frames were set up at Beattie Haven Retirement Home.

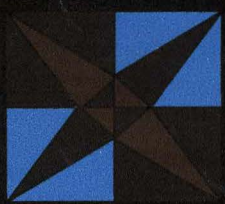
When it was unveiled at Wardsville United Church May 14, the crowd gasped in awe. The following Saturday, the George Ward Commemorative Quilt was bundled up and taken to Shedden for the 2010 Plowing Match Quilting Competition.

In 1810, Mr George Ward was requested by the British Government to establish a stopping point for travellers along the section of Longwoods Road between Thamesville and Delaware. The British were aware that a possible war was in the future. When the War of 1812-14 was imminent, Ward was asked to supply provisions and fresh horses for the military. Ward was also a player in the Battle of the Longwoods on March 4, 1814. He homesteaded the area called Ward's Station, now Wardsville, creating a home for his wife and family. He suffered many trials and tribulations not only with the environment but as well at the hands of the enemy.

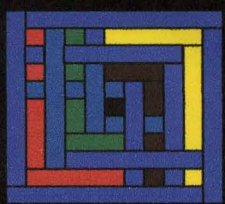
He managed to live out his days in Wardsville and died in 1837. His remains are buried at the historical Wardsville cemetery.



Woodland Path  
Early Longwoods Road



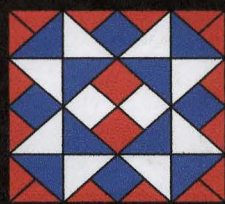
Crossed Canoes  
Travel on the Thames



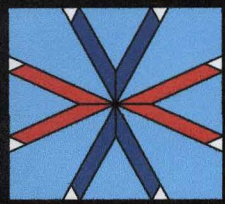
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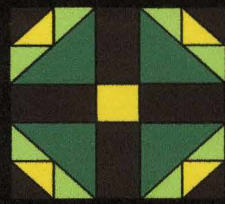
Church Window



Salute to Colours  
Loyal to his country



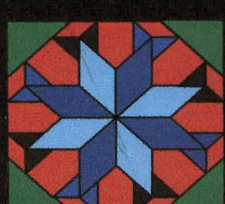
Victory  
War ends 1814



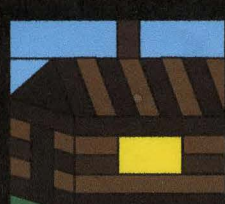
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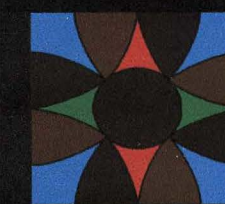
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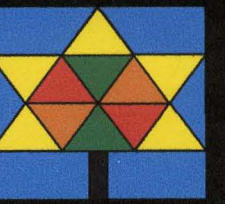
Bounty from the Thames  
Fish



George Wards Inn  
1810



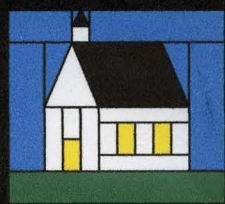
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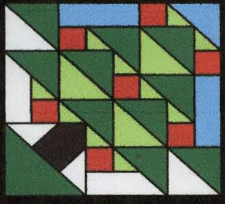
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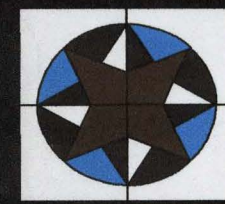
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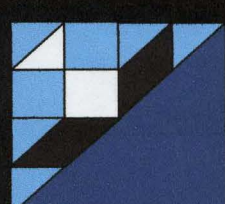
Old Country Church



Apple Tree  
Orchard



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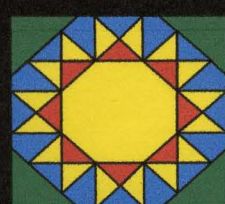
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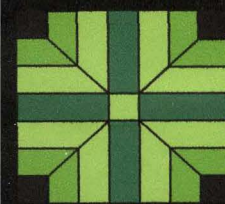
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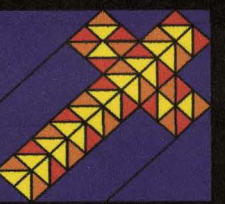
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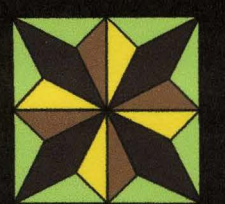
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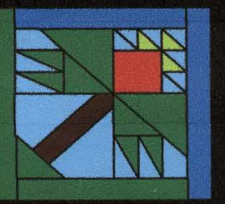
Double Irish Chain  
Born in Ireland 1743



The Cross



Turkey Tracks



Tree of Life  
Irish Symbol for Family



Union Jack  
1801



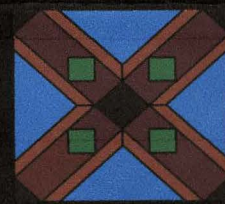
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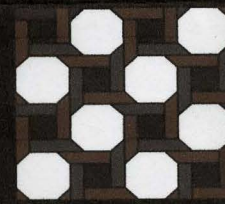
Wagon Tracks



Tombstone



Grist Mill



Twisted Rope  
"Hanged until life was almost extinct"

## WARDSVILLE BICENTENNIAL

### June 18-20, 2010

200 Years of History  
1810-2010

## Wardsville celebrating history through fabric,

After Beattie Haven spent the week sprucing up their spacious basement, people filtered in early morning March 13 to start painting 8x8 foot murals depicting quilt block patterns that signify stories of the founding of Wardsville in 1810. Soon after, Bev Shipley, MP for Lambton - Kent - Middlesex, arrived with a very large cheque for \$33,100. Your Wardsville community association was awarded a bicentennial grant through the Government of Canada's 'Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage' program.

Wardsville's founding is being marked by 30 barn quilt murals depicting the life of Mr. and Mrs. George Ward.

"The barn quilts are very visual, long-term investment that will last for many years," said Mary Simpson, Your Wardsville Secretary.

The painting and installation will be done prior to Father's Day weekend when there will be a celebration of history, food, and forefathers.

Wardsville is engaging citizens in their community through performing and visual arts, as well as through the expression, celebration, and preservation of local historical heritage. The idea is to increase opportunities for local artists and artisans to engage with their communities and to increase exposure to local historical heritage.

Artist-in-residence Rick Sommer demonstrated the art of transferring the geometric design over to an 8 foot square canvas of special plywood and then the tops came off the paint cans. Local artists Steve Sitler, Janet Quinton, Rosemary Cranney, and Scott MacKay were on hand to assist. By the end of the day, 30 participants had completed five more canvasses to



add to the one already mounted on the Thamesville Credit Union branch in Wardsville. Twenty-four left to go.

Denise Corneil, the project coordinator, urged the participants to organize a painting party.

"Church groups, service groups, the firemen, businesses, choirs, girl friends - all are welcome to book an evening to paint a barn quilt. We now have a group of leaders who can supervise an evening of painting. We'll get some instructions up on the wall. It's all about learning and having fun," she said.

Doug Reycraft, Mayor of South-west Middlesex and John Kava-laars, Councillor, were on hand. Mr. Reycraft congratulated the group on their determination to revitalize their community. He also took the opportunity to thank the Government of Canada for the gas tax transfer which in Wardsville's case, will be used to pay for a sewer treatment plant upgrade this year.



Dave Chidley

Barn quilt murals will be tourist draw

Louise Long is shown here painting Wardsville Bicentennial Barn Quilts.

### Barn Quilt project

The Your Wardsville Community Association is organizing the Wardsville Bicentennial Barn Quilt Project, to commemorate the hardships of early settlers from 1812-14. The first Barn Quilt, called "Farmer's Wife", measures 8x8 feet and has been completed by local artist Rick Sommer. The mural pays homage to the wife of George Ward, the founder of Wardsville, and other women who demonstrated strength at the time. It is currently being installed at the Wardsville branch of the Thamesville Credit Union.

## Mobilizing the Region to Think About the War of 1812 - 1814

Mary Simpson  
Your Wardsville Community Association

Wardsville: There are ominous war clouds on the horizon. It is 1810 and the British military has asked a Mr. George Ward and his wife and young family to establish a way station somewhere between Delaware and Detroit. Born in 1743, he is no spring chicken. A soldier in the British army, he saw service in Ireland (twice), in Canada (Quebec and Three Rivers) and the United States (Ticonderoga and Boston).

Sure enough, two years later, he is once again involved in a war. In 1814, it's on his door step and the lives of his wife and 5 children are threatened.

Wardsville citizens are learning about this couple's life in dribs and drabs as they prepare to celebrate the founding of their small village on Father's Day weekend. Glenn Stott, re-enactor and historian, has been pouring over the losses claimed for London and Western Districts after the War of 1812.

"We forget that war was fought on our soil - right here in Middlesex and Elgin," Stott says. "Think how precarious their survival was as early settlers. And then consider how their hurculean efforts to

establish their farms were razed to the ground by various raiding parties, battles, and skirmishes over the course of three years. This was war - not 'tough times'".

To commemorate the hardships and losses suffered by those early settlers - our families - from 1812 to 1814, Wardsville is organizing the Wardsville Bicentennial Barn Quilt Project.

The first Barn Quilt called "Farmer's Wife" has been completed by Rick Sommer. This mural which measures 8 feet by 8 feet pays homage to Mrs. Ward and all the other women who had to be fierce warriors to survive. It is currently being installed at the Wardsville branch of the Thamesville Credit Union.

The first training workshop was held March 13 in the basement of Beattie Haven with goal of engaging citizens through the visual arts, as well as through expression, celebration and preservation of local historical heritage. Thirty participants completed five more canvases, meaning there are 24 left to go.

In the basement of Beattie Haven, the block designs will be blown up to 8' X 8' and painted on special outdoor plywood. The plywood will be primed; the design stencilled and then painted with outdoor latex paint. The finished product will be protected with a sealant for outdoor display.

Wardsville is unofficially kicking off the Commemoration of the War of 1812 - 1814 which begins in less than 24 months. Wardsville challenges Elgin and Middlesex counties to

- learn more about our heritage
- deepen the connection among our local artists, artisans and community, and
- support and celebrate our hard working volunteers.

The 30 barn quilt murals which will be hung in various places throughout Wardsville area are based on a 30-block commemorative quilt that tells the story of George and Margaret Ward. Each block has a unique design and

symbolizes a chapter in the Ward's life. The "Soldier" "Salute to Colors" and "Victory" blocks represent George's long history with the British Military. "Farmers Wife" and "Tree of Life" honour Mrs. Ward and all the women who worked beside their men while raising a family in conditions we cannot imagine. All quilters are called to add their stitches. This heritage quilt will go up in Beattie Haven's quilting room soon. Call Eleanor Blain for details 519) 693-4616.

These 30 highly-visual blocks will be strategically placed in Wardsville and surrounding area to create a Barn Quilt Story Telling Trail, the first in North America. There's a barn quilt movement in the United States, but it seems that Wardsville is the first to coordinate such an ambitious series of barn quilts inspired by local history. Call Denise Corneil 519-693-7002 or <http://wardsville.wordpress.com/>



# Walkway installed at Arts and Cookery Bank



Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

## Welcome Walkway

People gathered at the Arts and Cookery Bank, West Lorne May 28 to install bricks in the Bank's Welcome Walkway. People could buy a brick for the walkway, and it was inscribed to celebrate or honour the memory of someone. In front are Kasey Kalita, 4, Hunter Van Brenk, 12, Finn Van Brenk, 4, Dane Van Brenk, 4, Val Van Brenk, 3, and Brian Van Brenk. The Van Brenk family paid for their own brick, shown in front of Hunter.

Jesse Cnockaert  
The Chronicle

The Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne has taken another stepping stone towards completion, so to speak. On May 28, supporters of The Bank on Graham Road visited the site to install the stone bricks in the "Welcome Walkway", outside the main reception entrance of the building.

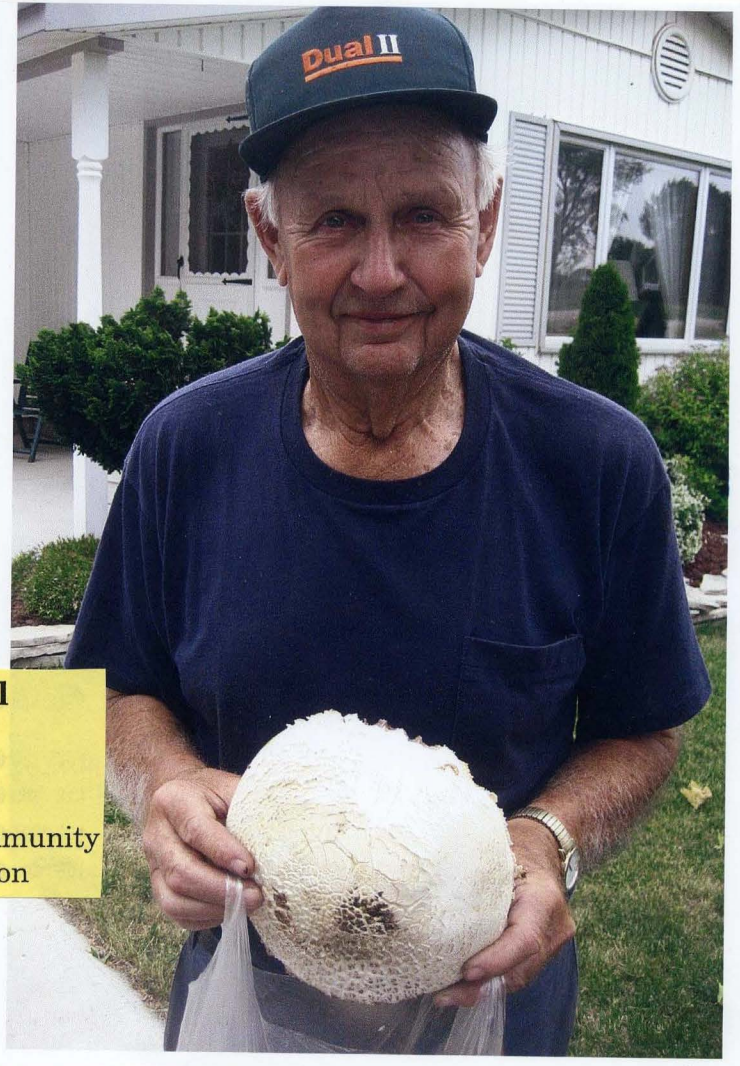
The bricks are part of a fundraiser; people bought each brick for \$100, and they could get them inscribed with the names of a chosen loved one. About 50 bricks were sold. "It was a way for people to honour, celebrate or remember their loved ones," said Grace McGartland, Arts and Cookery Bank Chair. "The fundraising money is going to the programming, that will involve community events, programming for students, programming for seniors and adults."

When completed the Arts and Cookery Bank hopes to be a cultural hub, combining Dutton-Dunwich, West Elgin, Newbury and Southwest Middlesex, and be a tourism site that promotes the value of a rural lifestyle through historic photo collections and local food. Bricks are still being sold for the Heritage Pathway, which will be located on the other side of the building. Anyone interested should call (519) 768-9986. That pathway will be installed June 25.



*Early washing machine*

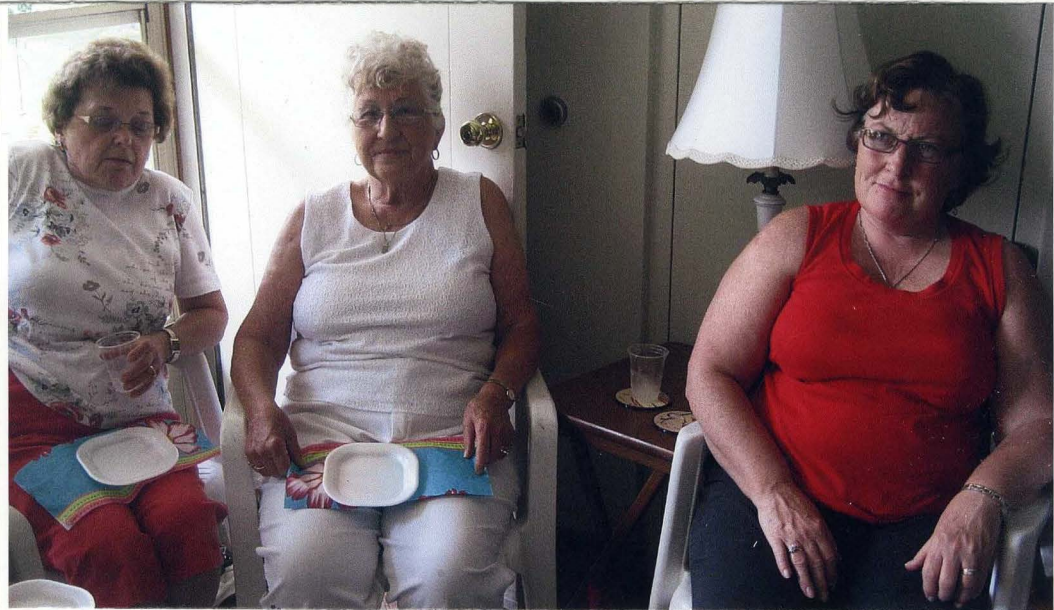
**JUNE 28, 2010 7:30 @ Clachan Hall**  
 Hostess: Louise Long  
 Program: Barn Quilts  
 Reading: Katherine Johnston  
 Roll Call: Name a point of interest in our community  
 Lunch: Louise Long, Bev Welch, Alma Johnston



*Allan Woolner holding a horse mushroom.*

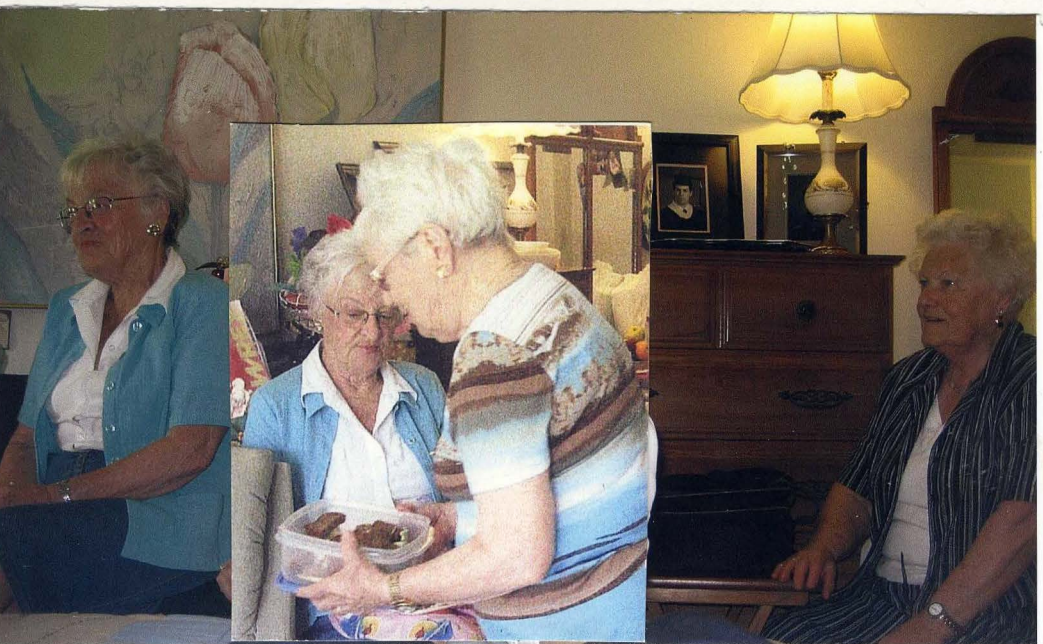


**MAY 31, 2010 12:30**  
 Hostess: Willa Johnston  
 Program: Glass House visit  
 Lunch: Janet Quinton,  
 Lois Woolner, Helen McWilliams,  
 Louise Long, Katherine Johnston



*Theresa St. Pierre, Marie Spence Bee Welch*

*W.I. Meeting held at Willa Johnston's apartment  
 June Purcell Florence McIntire Helen McWilliams*



*Maxine Regate, Willa Johnston, Louise Long*



*Lisa Wolf + Betty Johnston*



*-Cathy J. + Lois W.*

*Cathy Johnston + Janet Quinton*



*Ruth Johnston, Joyce Wright, Alma Johnston*



*Alma Johnson & Joyce Wright at the Glass House, Chatham*



*Madeline Jenkins - Yarmouth Centre W.I.  
Marie Seence - Clachan W.I.  
Elaine Robinson  
Lois Woolner - Clachan W.I. Volunteers*



**THE FOLKS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**



**Front Row:** Kathy Crawford, Doreen Wilson, Donna Lunn, Melissa Sparling, Cathy Bishop, Cathy Lasby, Tom Marks, Bill Walters, Mark Walters. **Second Row:** Pat Watterworth, Helen Bradish, Norma McPhail, Shirley Faulds, Lynn Acre, Valerie Cron, Roberta Gillard, Joan Winfield, Helen Campbell, Kathy Minnema, Duncan McPhail, Theresa Klachan. **Third Row:** Ray Broadbent, Shirley Broadbent, Marian Millman, Leigh Mauer, Doug Hughes, Jim Jenkins, Harry Hoover. **Fourth Row:** Annette Weejas, Don Macpherson, Diane Macpherson, Pat Palmer, Nancy Nancekivelle, Coby Devries. **Fifth Row:** Lori Baldwin-Sands, Teresa Taziar, Brian Crocker, Bonnie Kolkman, Nancy Millman, Bill Taylor, Henry Devries, Grant Jones, Paul Enns, K. Keating, Pat McGee, Leo Lynch, Wayne Johnston, Ian Raven, Gordon Campbell. **Sixth Row:** Mike Baker, Tom Bradish, Steve Speller, Paul Faulds, Joe Preston, Dan McKillop, Jim McIntyre, Ralph Millman, Arend Groenendyk, Charles Leduc, Mel Switzer, Dave Raney, Carl Weber, Robert MacLean, Dave Simpson.

*Some of the 1,100 volunteers.*



**ELGIN - ST. THOMAS 2010  
INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH**

*St. Thomas, Ontario  
September 21-25, 2010*



*The Town Crier, Dutton announcing the opening of the International Plowing Match, 2010*





*Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty*



*Queens of the Furrow*



*Antiques*

*vs.*

*Modern →*



*George Quinton  
checking a  
corn cutter.*





W. Institute Rose - at Louise Lomas home - May 2010

OCTOBER 25, 2010 7:30 @ Clachan Hall

Hostess: Helen McWilliams

Reading: Bev Welch

Roll Call: What do we have today that would astound our grandmothers?

Program: Helen McWilliams

Lunch: Joyce Wright, Janet Quinton, Bev Welch

*Devon Pearson, a high school teacher who lives in Rodney, gave a talk on setting up a Youth Centre in Rodney for ages approx. 11 to 14 or grades 5 to 9. They would draw volunteers from older youth & seniors, as well as a paid staff.*

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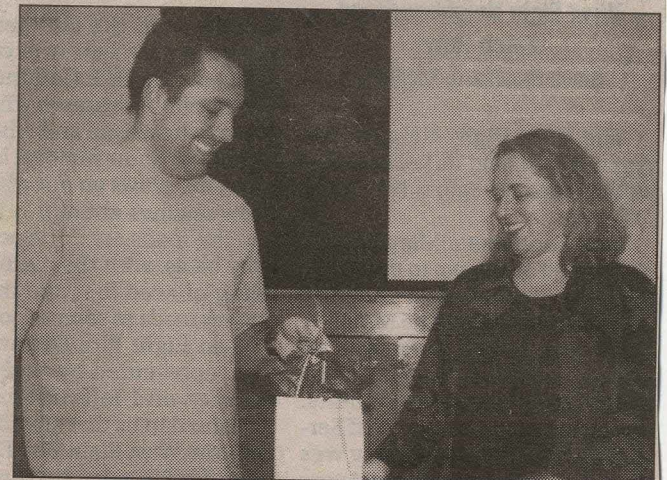


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## OPP commendation

Jonathan Wolf (centre) received a St. John Priory Meritorious Certificate and a Commissioner's commendation from OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis (right) at an award ceremony October 15 in Wingham. Wolf was the first on the scene of a vehicle crash on Furnival Rd., West Elgin, in July 2009, in which an OPP officer lost his life. Wolf was honoured for assisting the police at the accident site.

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Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

## Reach for the stars

Brigette Hesman was a guest speaker at West Elgin Secondary School Nov. 26. Hesman graduated from WESS in 1995, and today she lives in Washington as a research scientist for NASA. She spoke to the assembled students about her work with a spacecraft near Saturn. Once Hesman's presentation was over, WESS instructor Dave Machado gave her a gift bag as a thank-you.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

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Branch

2010-2011

Branch President

Barb Innes

FWIO President



W.I. Christmas Party at Eagle restaurant.

Janet Quinton, George Quinton, Louise Long, Art Long, Lois Woolner



-Entertainers-Margurette Alderton & Kevin Alderton



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Rick Sommer (right) painted the mural 'The Spirit of George Ward' which was unveiled in Wardsville October 30. This unveiling brings to a close the Wardsville 200th anniversary celebrations organized by the Your Wardsville Community Association. Along with Rick is his family, his wife Lee-Ann, and daughters Kathleen, 6, and Bo Raven, 3.



Cathy Johnston , Annie Isobel Tait



Shirley Mc Williams , Lois Woolner



MISCELLANEOUS



OAK GROVE SCHOOL - 1926-27

4th row - Pauline Johnston, Helen McClarty, Gordon Stinson, - (the teacher) <sup>DOROTHY McDONALD</sup>  
 Allan Dickson, Rita Wilson, Harley McDonald, Hilda Bateman, Gordon Teare  
 Katherine McDonald, John Campbell, <sup>TAM McCLARTY</sup> Jim Lindsay, Bert McIntyre, Jim McClean.  
 3rd row - <sup>BLITH McLEAN</sup> Hazel Johnston, Dorothy McDonald, <sup>MARY Colquhan</sup>  
 Marlon Purcell, Violet McIntyre, Margaret McDonald, Margaret Dickson,  
 Len Wilkins  
 2nd row - Norton Wilson, Ray Long, Gordon Long, John A. McDonald, Fred Turk,  
 Harold Graham, Ray Turk, <sup>JACK WILKINS</sup> <sup>AB</sup> George Willick  
 front row -- Earle Price, <sup>AB</sup> Willick, John Kelly, Orval Long, Dennis Dickson  
<sup>GEORGE</sup>

missing GRACE CAMPBELL HAROLD JOHNSTON



TIMES-JOURNAL COLLECTION Courtesy of the Elgin County Archives

ock, left, instructor for the group; Mary Arvai, Peggy Percell,  
Perovich, Laura Hay and Bill Smith, the group's caller. Back row: Jim  
bert, Gary Wojick and Tom Murray. Anyone with information on this  
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# **STRATEGIC PLAN**

**October 1, 2009  
to  
September 30, 2012**





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## Introduction

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For more than 100 years, Women's Institute (WI) members have actively worked together for the betterment of Members' families, homes and communities. Their original focus - domestic science education - quickly expanded to include personal growth opportunities, government lobbying and health and community wellness initiatives.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) was organized in 1919 giving Branch Members a stronger voice as a united group. Since then, FWIO's educational programs and social events have created new opportunities for rural and small town Ontario women, locally and provincially. The organization is proud of its contributions to Ontario, enjoying numerous landmark advocacy achievements in public health, food safety systems and community development.

Member Branches of FWIO contribute to the organization in many ways. Members organize educational events through the ROSE (*rural ontario sharing education*) Program, participate in local and regional events, record local history through the Tweedsmuir Histories, advocate for initiatives at the local, provincial and federal level, contribute to their District, Area and Provincial Board of Directors and (most importantly) build fellowship and fun among their members.

The most recent strategic plan period concludes September 30, 2009. Between January and April of 2009, FWIO embarked on a process to develop a new strategic plan, which will guide the organization from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012. Based on consultation with Member Branches and external stakeholders, a number of priority areas for development of the organization were identified, including:

- Retaining and expanding membership at the provincial and local levels through promotional efforts, community engagement and development of key partnerships
- Consolidation of FWIO's financial position through development of a long-term financial plan and other income-generating efforts
- Revitalizing and expanding FWIO's advocacy function at the local and provincial level, with a focus on identifying key issues that are relevant to members, development of 2-way strategic partnerships and training for FWIO members in advocacy skills

This strategic plan will guide the FWIO Board in its activities and decision-making until September 2012. It is intended that components of the plan will comprise regular agenda items for Board meetings in order to ensure accountability and successful implementation of the plan. It is anticipated that adjustments to the plan will be made as needed, to accommodate unforeseen factors or new information that comes before the board.

The strategies and objectives presented here are intended to be sufficiently specific to guide the organization towards achievement of the Vision and Mission of FWIO, but sufficiently broad to allow flexibility of operations within each operational area to achieve the goals.

## **Vision, Values and Mission of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario**

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### **Vision:**

We envision an Ontario where women work together for safe, healthy families, communities and pursue an enriched and balanced lifestyle.

### **Values:**

- Mutual respect
- Communication
- Mutual support
- Healthy members and healthy environment
- Safe communities
- Versatility and adaptability

### **Mission:**

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is a not-for-profit charitable organization with affiliations around the world, working with and for women in rural and small town Ontario. Through the network of Branches, we offer educational programming and community support; advocate for social, environmental and economic change, and work towards the personal growth of all women, for home and country.

## **Goal 1                      Retention & Recruitment of FWIO Members**

*Ensure appropriate and ongoing outreach, community engagement and membership development practices*

- Strategy 1.1 Increase efforts to retain the current membership.
- Strategy 1.2 Develop promotions department for FWIO
- Strategy 1.3 Attract new members from the “newly retired” demographic group
- Strategy 1.4 Increased District/Area presence on the Internet
- Strategy 1.5 Development of new partnerships to enhance FWIO programming.
- Strategy 1.6 Training for Member Branches in recruitment of new members and engagement of broader community

### **Strategy 1.1 Retain current members**

Objective: Communicate with Branches and members to let them know how much they are valued and appreciated

<b>Responsibility</b>	Board; President; staff
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Place messages of appreciation into the Provincial Board Highlights (Home &amp; Country ROSE Garden)</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Feature a Branch in each edition of Home &amp; Country ROSE Garden (using an objective and transparent process of selection)</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Use Provincial Conferences to celebrate members</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Send thank you letters to the Branches on a periodic basis</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Presidential letter to Branches, expressing appreciation</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Pilot project:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Develop a plan to encourage “twinning” between Branches (increase contact between members, promote peer learning, potential for leadership development as a result of member Branches in communication with one another)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Consider a pilot project with 2 Branches to create the model, and then extend the project to other Branches on the basis of “lessons learned”</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Time frame</b>	President to develop “critical path” for development of the pilot twinning project idea and present to Board upon completion – possibly in 2009; Other ideas on an ongoing basis
<b>Evaluation</b>	Evidence of increasing communication between Branches; Evidence of feedback from Branches on the expressions of appreciation

Objective: Respond to Branch feedback by revamping local Branch officer structure

Responsibility	Handbook committee of the Board
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Handbook committee tasked with the work of revamping local Branch officer structure to offer more flexibility in leadership at the local Branch level</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>committee conduct research and develop recommendations</i></li> <li>○ <i>committee present results of deliberation to Board</i></li> <li>○ <i>Board decision</i></li> <li>○ <i>New handbook available</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Time frame	<p>Handbook committee research 2010  Present results of fact-finding to Board in early 2011  Board decision 2011  New Handbook available by end of 2011</p>
Evaluation	<p>New Branch officer structure in place;  Feedback on how this Branch officer structure is working at the local level</p>

**Strategy 1.2: Develop promotions department for FWIO**

Objective: Create a promotional plan for FWIO

Responsibility	Board and Executive Director
Activities	<p>Put staff in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>add a promotions and public relations specialist to staff</i></li> <li>♦ <i>seek grant to cover the cost of this position for pilot period</i></li> <li>♦ <i>research opportunities through community college programs such as the Public Relations Program or Fundraising to host a student intern</i></li> </ul> <p>General promotional work that could support greater awareness of FWIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>develop a promotional plan for reaching new members in communities around Ontario</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Create and share with Branches promotional tools &amp; templates that they can use for promotion ("how to" of writing press release, etc.)</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Template for print ad in media at the local level (could be placed by District level)</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Research on who local media are in each area: could OMAF or United Way, etc. supply this information?</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Create and share with Branches a list of events that are typically good for publicity opportunities</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Share with member Branches some tips for being effective and persistent with media (training opportunity?)</i></li> </ul> <p>Build Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>create plan for partnership development to promote FWIO (eg. Zoomer magazine &amp; Canadian Association of Retired People)</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Staff in place by late 2010; Plan developed by May/Sept. 2011
Evaluation	Successful in getting grant; new staff member in place; promotional plans developed

**Strategy 1.3 Recruit new members from the “newly retired” demographic group**

Objective: Create a plan for recruiting women 55+ years old

Responsibility	Executive Director, staff, Districts, Branches
Activities	<p>Specifically targeted promotional work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Develop plan aimed at recruiting new members, specifically from the newly-retired age group</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Develop tools for specific targeted media, such as new radio stations aimed at 55+ age group, print media, etc.</i></li> <li>♦ <i>develop a plan for creating new Branches in communities</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	Increasing membership at Branch level, of women 55 +; increasing presence of FWIO in local media outlets

**Strategy 1.4 Increase District/Area presence on the Internet**

Objective: Increase web presence for Districts/Areas within their local communities

Responsibility	Staff
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>conduct research to determine ways to increase District and Area presence in local community web portals and web spaces</i></li> <li>• <i>conduct research to determine opportunities for Districts and Areas to link into re: local web presence</i></li> <li>• <i>produce an outreach resource tool to support Districts and Areas to take opportunities for web presence in their local areas</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Begin by April 2010; Complete by April 2011
Evaluation	Areas have presence on community web sites; sites are linked to FWIO internet

### Strategy 1.5 Develop strategic partnerships

Objective: Create a partnership strategy based on mutual interests

Responsibility	Executive Director, staff
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>conduct research on potential new partners who share a common interest in education and capacity building for women in rural Ontario</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>look for organizations who have expertise and who value the grassroots nature of our membership and wish to reach our membership</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ <i>develop a framework for partnership agreements, remembering that any financial issues would require board approval</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	Evidence of new partnerships being built

### Strategy 1.6 Train Member Branches in recruitment of new members

Objective: Leaders in FWIO Branches develop community outreach skills

Responsibility	Staff; District and Area Representatives
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>seek funding for training program for Member Branches to increase community outreach skills – include staffing and materials</i></li> <li>♦ <i>provide training to Branch leaders in community outreach and engagement techniques; take the fear out of being a “leader”</i></li> <li>♦ <i>assist Branches to develop promotional strategies that will work for their area</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>begin with the message that the most effective outreach is done person-to-person</i></li> <li>○ <i>help Branch leaders learn how to use the tools FWIO already has</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Time frame	Between June and December 2012
Evaluation	Increase use of FWIO promotional materials; increase in Branch outreach activities

## **Goal 2      Developing A Strong Financial Foundation For FWIO**

*Ensure that FWIO has a strong financial foundation on which to build its future.*

- Strategy 2.1    Develop plan for Lee Museum
- Strategy 2.2    Becoming financially self-sufficient
- Strategy 2.3    Developing partnerships for revenue generation
- Strategy 2.4    Event planning opportunities
- Strategy 2.5    Seek external funding through grants
- Strategy 2.6    Develop a strategy for FWIO headquarters

### **Strategy 2.1    Develop plan for maintenance of Erland Lee Museum**

Objective: To complete the maintenance requirements at the Lee Home

Responsibility	Board; Executive Director; Curator
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>circulate letter to Branches to identify maintenance issues and options and request feedback regarding the future of the Lee Home</i></li> <li>♦ <i>based on feedback, board resolution on whether to maintain the property or consider other property management options</i></li> <li>♦ <i>if maintenance is decided upon, create a maintenance budget and provide this to the architect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>create a maintenance schedule</i></li> <li>○ <i>prioritize which maintenance projects will be done, in what order</i></li> <li>○ <i>create a grant proposal strategy</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Time frame	Letter to Branches – Summer 2009; Board Resolution – November 2009; Rest of plan is dependent upon Board resolution – timeframes determined by this decision
Evaluation	Decision on future of the Lee Home; depending on decision, either maintenance completed or other property management options

### **Strategy 2.2    Become financially sustainable**

Objective: FWIO develop a financial sustainability plan

Responsibility	Board; Executive Director & President
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>research potential fee increase – impact on budget, on membership</i></li> <li>♦ <i>implement research findings</i></li> <li>♦ <i>develop financial sustainability plan</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Plan developed by August 2010; Beginning of stabilization by 2011
Evaluation	Implementation of plan



### Strategy 2.3 Develop strategic partnerships for revenue generation

Objective: Identify other provincial organizations with whom we could partner for revenue generation or resource sharing purposes

Responsibility	Staff
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>research provincial organizations which may be interested in developing a resource-sharing or a resource development partnership with FWIO</i></li> <li>♦ <i>develop plan to build 6 substantial partnerships over 3 years</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	Partnerships developing with provincial organizations for increased networking, revenue generation and resource-sharing

### Strategy 2.4 Increase event planning expertise

Objective: Identify revenue potential through hosting provincial events

Responsibility	Board; staff; event planner
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>hire an event planner to develop income-generating activities for FWIO</i></li> <li>♦ <i>create an event "prototype" (a replicable method for event planning) and test it in conjunction with one Area</i></li> <li>♦ <i>based on results, replicate and share with other hosting Areas</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Annual
Evaluation	Increased revenue for FWIO and Areas, increased public awareness

### Strategy 2.5 Grant proposals

Objective: Increase revenue through grants

Responsibility	Staff; Board
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>focus on the Lee Museum as one primary strategy; Promotion &amp; Public Relations Specialist would be another</i></li> <li>♦ <i>conduct research on what grant opportunities are available in Ontario and beyond at this time</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	Increase use of FWIO promotional materials; increase in Branch outreach activities; increased revenue for FWIO & Erland Lee

## Strategy 2.6 Provincial Office relocation and/or alternatives

Objective: Investigate alternatives for a Provincial Office including relocation

Responsibility	Board; staff
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ <i>strike an ad-hoc committee to review 2009 Feasibility Study (David MacAuley) and examine possible alternatives regarding Provincial office</i></li><li>♦ <i>bring a report to the Board</i></li></ul>
Time frame	March 2012
Evaluation	Reduction in costs

### **Goal 3 Strengthening FWIO's Advocacy Program**

*Ensuring that the voice of women in rural and small town Ontario is included in policy discussions at the municipal, provincial and federal levels*

- Strategy 3.1 Identifying priority issues among Member Branches
- Strategy 3.2 Updating the Provincial advocacy manual.
- Strategy 3.3 Providing advocacy training to Members, Coordinators and other interested individuals.
- Strategy 3.4 Developing 2-way strategic partnerships province-wide.
- Strategy 3.5 Developing a local advocacy agenda with Member Branches, Districts and Areas

#### **Strategy 3.1 Identify priority issues among Member Branches**

Objective: Understand what issues are of importance at the Branch level

Responsibility	Advocacy Coordinator; Branches/District Advocacy Coordinators (where available)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>identify key issues by communicating with all Branches, including local policy questions and key issues at the provincial and federal levels</i></li> <li>♦ <i>use email, phone calls, other forms of communication</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Branches should be doing their own lobbying at the local level, and the Advocacy Coordinator will be well-served to understand what some of those issues are</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Outreach regarding key issues: by June 2010
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policies, practices and procedures</li> <li>- Laws/regulatory changes</li> <li>- behavioural changes</li> <li>- awareness of WI</li> <li>- membership increasing</li> </ul>

#### **Strategy 3.2 Update Provincial advocacy manual**

Objective: To guide our advocacy work with policies, practices and procedures that are current and meet the needs of the organization.

Responsibility	Board; Advocacy Committee
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>consultation with Board, staff &amp; members on the contents of an updated manual</i></li> <li>♦ <i>research best practices</i></li> <li>♦ <i>write new manual</i></li> <li>♦ <i>manual available for sale to all Member Branches</i></li> <li><i>put the manual on the FWIO web site (help Branches to avoid purchase cost)</i></li> </ul>

Time frame	Questions to Board by Spring 2010; Manual developed by August 2011
Evaluation	Branches using the FWIO Advocacy manual Manual being downloaded from the FWIO web site More advocacy activity at Branch and District level, using FWIO advocacy protocol

**Strategy 3.3 Provide advocacy training to Members, Coordinators and other interested individuals.**

Objective: Ensure that the advocacy work done on behalf of FWIO by interested members is done in a competent and professional manner.

Responsibility	Advocacy Coordinator and other Provincial Officers; Branches
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>develop a training plan program</i></li> <li>♦ <i>schedule training sessions for a variety of advocacy settings (eg. Ministers of Provincial government, Federal government)</i></li> <li>♦ <i>develop training tools (CDs, webcam, workshops [districts], teleconferences)</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- count of how many people have been trained</li> <li>- quality of FWIO advocacy on issues</li> <li>- awareness of advocacy</li> <li>- success in our efforts with governments</li> </ul>

**Strategy 3.4 Develop 2-way strategic partnerships province-wide**

Objective: Maximize FWIO's advocacy efforts by working with other local, provincial and federal organizations who share our issue concerns.

Responsibility	Board; Advocacy Coordinator & Committee
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>develop a list of potential partner organizations, including for example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ontario Federation of Agriculture</i></li> <li>○ <i>ACWW</i></li> <li>○ <i>FWIC</i></li> <li>○ <i>CARP</i></li> <li>○ <i>Governments</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Develop a framework for partnership agreements, remembering that any financial issues would require board approval</i></li> </ul>

Time frame	1 to 2 partnerships per year; August 2010
Evaluation	Increased income; increased membership; statements of support from other organizations and partners; change in or development of policies, laws or regulations at the provincial level; increased public awareness of FWIO and its partner organizations and public support for our mission

**Strategy 3.5 Develop a local advocacy agenda with Member Branches, Districts and Areas**

Objective: To achieve change at the local level

Responsibility	Board; Advocacy Committee
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>work with local or regional branches to develop their own advocacy programming</i></li> <li>• <i>ensure that local Branches are supported by the Provincial Advocacy Coordinator</i></li> <li>• <i>develop advocacy issues at provincial level of FWIO and bring to local Branches, for action from the Branch level</i></li> </ul>
Time frame	Ongoing
Evaluation	Member Branches are developing their own advocacy programs; results they are seeking are being realized



Tweedsmuir

Aug. 4/09

New book available at Staples - smaller (£9.00)

Digital pictures should be put on C.D.  
make copies of pictures.

Record changes i.e. bridges, fences roads  
- are there rail fences still in area.

Schools - pictures of local schools.

Record - principals - teachers

Grad pictures from paper

Use school web-site

- May need permission to photograph school.

- Local churches - often make communities  
<sup>clockwork Lee-Kintyre</sup>  
<sub>street</sub>

- Railway changes. record.

- Any family farms still from crown land.

- Nursing homes

- Assisted living accomodations

- Community B.B.Q.s

+ Corn Crib  
Autos

- Disappearing businesses

- Libraries

- Local fairs

- Toys and games - past-present.

- Caring cupboards

Every member pages - some branches have  
a page for any one who was ever a member.

Profile of members.

Obituaries

Include favourite recipe

If a branch disbands take over their  
territory.

Hilroy

Lignox free scrap books  
Don't let photos touch newspaper

Farming through the years

Hay - binders

hay loader

small bales large bales

haylage

Animals -

Weddings

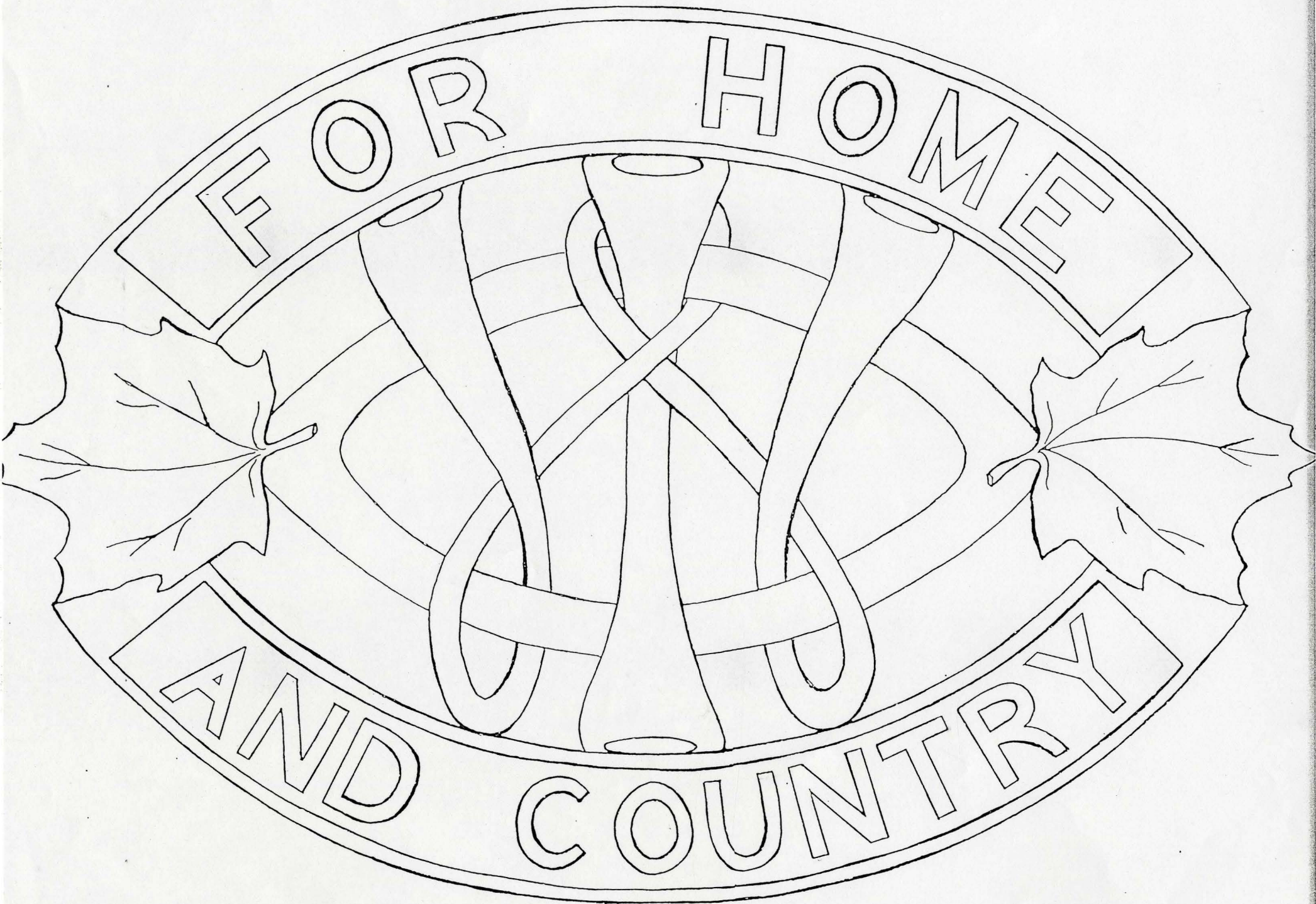
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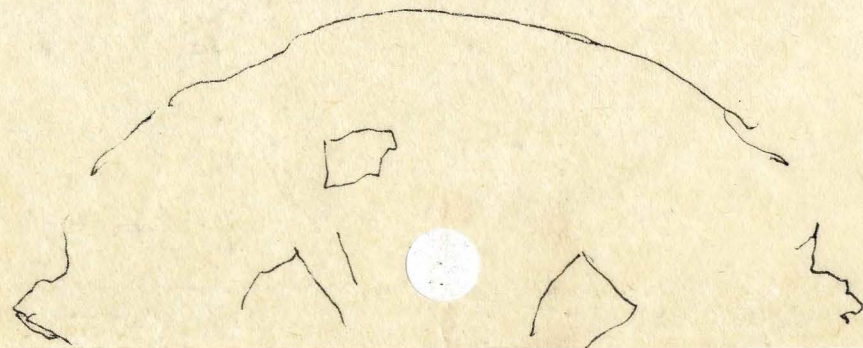


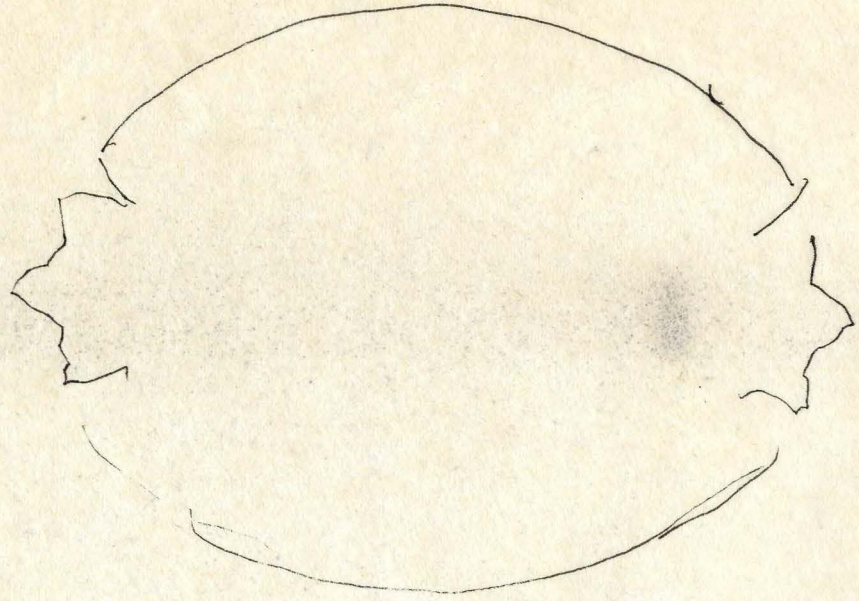


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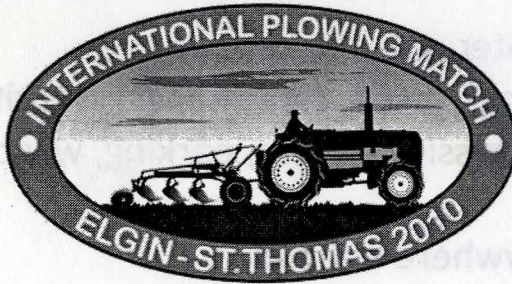
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## Women's Institute's Accomplishments

By lobbying Government Agencies, the following concerns have been addressed.

- ❖ Mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights.
- ❖ Signs at railway crossings.
- ❖ Painting of white lines on Provincial Highways.
- ❖ Use of easily understood labels on food products.
- ❖ Enforcement of the proper use of slow-moving (SMV) signs.
- ❖ Inclusion of Music and Family Studies in the school curriculum.
- ❖ Pasteurization of milk.
- ❖ Removal of metal staples from frozen foods.
- ❖ Establishing the International Peace Gardens on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota.
- ❖ Banning the sale of mineral based detergents.
- ❖ Having bread wrapped.
- ❖ Having red stripes removed from bacon wrap.
- ❖ Having florescent paint used on the sides of railway cars.
- ❖ Labeling of garments as to fiber content and care.
- ❖ Requiring car owners to purchase liability insurance before getting a vehicle license.
- ❖ Hospital benefits for all nursing homes.
- ❖ Mandatory TB testing for food handlers.
- ❖ Establishing MacDonald Hall of the University of Guelph.
- ❖ Establishing Brock University in St. Catherine's.
- ❖ Having poison containers clearly marked.
- ❖ Legislation requiring the lowering of headlights when meeting another vehicle.
- ❖ Sex education courses in schools.
- ❖ Legislation requiring breathalyzer and blood testing for suspected drunk drivers.
- ❖ Having fowl graded for sale.
- ❖ Marking the legal marriage age at sixteen years with parental consent.
- ❖ Encouraging War Memorials and Remembrance Day Services.
- ❖ Living Wills established



SEPTEMBER 21 to 25, 2010

[www.ipm2010.com](http://www.ipm2010.com)

## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

(Please print)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: (circle) Under 16 16-19 20-29 30-49 50-64 65+

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### AVAILABILITY

Events Prior to IPM  Yes  No

During IPM  I am available anytime during the IPM

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Friday, September 24, 2010

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

AREAS OF INTEREST

1) Circle your areas of interest:

special events, opening/closing ceremonies, security, information booth, lounge, souvenirs, admissions/gates, parking, wagon tours

No preference.....anywhere needed.

2) Do you have any special skills and/or experience in the areas of interest you have indicated? If so, please list your relevant skills and/or experience.

Skills and/or Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATION

1) Are you volunteering with a Service Club? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

2) If yes, which Service Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been directly contacted to volunteer by any committee members? If so, who has contacted you? *(Please print name)* \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward your completed volunteer application to:

Elgin – St. Thomas 2010  
International Plowing Match  
450 Sunset Drive  
St. Thomas, ON N5R 5V1  
Fax: (519) 631-6573

*Thanks for your interest in volunteering at the  
Elgin – St. Thomas 2010 International Plowing Match!*

Office Use – Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy to keep here.

Immediately after your Annual Meeting, and at least 10 days before the District Annual, please complete this report with your previous year activities and send to your District Tweedsmuir Coordinator

Branch Clackan

Branch Tweedsmuir Coordinator Janet Quinton

Address RR#1, 22984 McLean Line Postal Code NOL 2G0

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Name of Successor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CURATOR'S CORNER:**

Please share your ideas of new subsections. Maybe it's ... antiques, collectible items, taped interviews, old recipes, profiles of branch members or lifestyles in the 90's?

Include roll call and/or motto's - *Bring something woodier*  
Give a brief coverage of accomplished work this year. *that has relevance to you. It was interesting.*  
(On reverse or attach sheet)

Was your Tweedsmuir microfilmed this year? no *We will be doing this in June after our May meeting*

Was your Tweedsmuir copied this year? no

Was your Area Tweedsmuir published this year? no

Where is your Tweedsmuir located? In my home

Was your Tweedsmuir copied to disk this year? no

*We are a very small group now so our activities have slowed down considerably. We do help with serving at our local nursing homes, support with help at the fair also our local Clackan Hall re renovation. We also celebrated our 95th WIA here this spring.*

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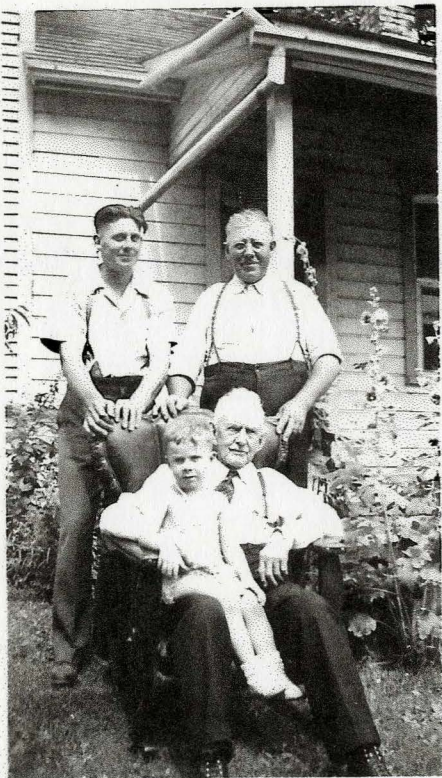
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Four Generation Family

Mr. Alex McIntyre - Conc. 1  
Aldbrough Townshi

his Son John McIntyre

His Grandson W.A. (Bert) McIntyre

His Great-Grandson Ronald McIntyre

## The Alexander Campbell Family

A good deal has been written these past few years on the history of Aldborough. The Elgin Historical Society and the Women's Institutes have had a number of papers prepared, and recently the Aldborough Old Boys have published a book with a lot of general information, but each family have their own peculiar traditions, and I am only sorry that I have not been able to get more, regarding the lives of our pioneer grandparents, Alexander and Catherine Campbell.

Our grandparents were born in the same house in Argyleshire, Scotland, in the year 1808, and were both Campbells, but not related. Grandfather was a few months older, and his mother took grandmother, when an infant, a few days old, to have her christened.

At the age of ten they were brought to this country by their parents, who were induced to come through letters received from the Gillies, who had settled here two years previously. They were among those families who arrived at New Glasgow in 1818.

It must have required great courage to leave one's country and friends, and go out into a great unknown. I have been told that when the ship, "The Mars of Port Glasgow" was nearly ready to leave, one of our great-grandfathers went with his brother, with whom he was parting forever, behind a lumber-pile, and they exchanged their entire clothing, in memory of each other, for they knew they were not likely to ever see each other again.

The ship was a sailing vessel, and took about three months to cross the Atlantic. The captain's name was McFarlane, and once they got 250 miles out of their course, when they were put right by another captain by the name of Kerr, who was coming to settle in this country.

When they called at Quebec they were able to report the same number aboard as when they left Scotland, for although there had been a death at sea, there had also been a birth.

I don't know whether it was at Quebec or Montreal they had to be transferred to another boat, and when they found that that boat was propelled by steam they held a consultation as to whether it was safe to ride on it or not. However, they ventured after some persuasion, and came on to Toronto. They were offered land around Hamilton, but they had heard of the Talbot settlement, where they were supposed to get 100 acres of land each.

Just how they crossed the Niagara Peninsula I have not been able to find out. The construction of the Welland Canal had begun a few years before, but it was not passable, so they probably went partly on foot and partly by canoe.

They landed at Port Glasgow in October, 1818, only to be disappointed by getting just 50 acres of land each.

The next few years, they had to endure great hardships, but the first winter was perhaps the worst. It was too late in the season to get houses built, so most of them lived in huts, patterned after the Indian ones - just a shelter covered with bark, and on the open side, a fire was always kept burning, both for warmth and protection from wild animals. I have been told that our great grandparents laid in a great store of nuts, (particularly chestnuts) for food that first winter.

Speaking of fire - I believe it was a common practice among the pioneers to borrow, or perhaps I had better say get fire from each other if their fire happened to go out.

Grandfather's father settled at Eagle, and was only in this country two years when he died, leaving his wife and 6 small children. He was buried in New Glasgow cemetery.

Four years later, our grandfather, then a boy of 16, walked down to the Niagara Peninsula, and worked for three seasons on the Welland Canal. He was so young that he was offered the position of time-keeper, but as he had no education, he went to work with the older men. I have heard it said that he made a resolution that if ever he had children of his own he would try to give them an education. His resolution was carried out. Practically every one of his nine

children had a better education than the average pioneer child, two of them were P.S. teachers, two more could have qualified, and Grandfather himself learned to be a very good reader in both English and Gaelic. He was taught by Grandmother after they were married. Her father was a teacher in the old country, and we still have in our possession a slate brought from Scotland, which was used by all the members of the family. The chief text-book in the early days was the Bible.

Our grandmother also spent three years at service away from home. I think it was in the town of St. Catherines. She and a neighbor girl tied their few possessions in a parcel, and in their bare feet walked all the way, staying at night with the settlers en route. At the end of a year, she was so homesick she came home with a neighbor boy who had gone down on horseback. His name was Gillies. They took turns at riding and walking.

In these years spent by both of our grandparents away from home, they saved enough from their meagre earnings to provide many things for their future home; and learned many things which were afterwards to serve them a good purpose.

Grandfather was one of the first settlers on the first concession. He bought his farm in 1831. A story has been handed down that when he was making his first trip to the river, night overtook him, for following a blazed trail from one high ridge to another to avoid swamps was tedious travelling. He unfastened his oxen and tied them to his jumper or sleigh. He built a fire and settled down for the night, but before long, some prowling wolves smelt the meat and provisions he had with him, and surrounded him. He pounded his axe and iron wedge together to frighten them, and also fought them off with fire-brands all night, until when it began to get daylight, they went away.

Our grandparents were married just 100 years ago, on April 23rd, 1833, by Elder Dugald Campbell, and on May 1st, which was also Grandfather's birthday, they went to the river. When Grandmother went as a bride to her new home, her possessions piled in the jumper sleigh, she followed behind in her bare feet, for it was spring and the ground was marshy and well - there were no rubbers then.

Grandfather prided himself on being a good axe-man, and his log house, stable, and pens for his stock, were well built for the times. They were not well enough built, however, to prevent bears on more than one occasion, climbing to the roof of a pen, clawing away the slade covering, getting in and destroying both pigs and calves. Grandfather was an excellent swimmer, and also good with a canoe, which served him many a good purpose along the river.

Our grandparents were both thrifty and were blessed with good health. There were no medical doctors available for many years, and they had 11 children, 9 of whom grew up and lived to a mature age. In those days, when sickness came, neighbors cared for each other, and it was wonderful the knowledge some of them gained of available remedies for common ills.

Before tanneries were established in the new towns, which began to spring up, Grandfather used to tan his own leather, with lye and oak bark, and Uncle Dan, the oldest son, when quite a boy, learned to be a very fair shoemaker.

Grandmother, like most pioneer women, understood the preparation of wool and flax, washing, picking, carding, dyeing and spinning it into yarn. She never wove her own cloth, but she prided herself on her knitting of socks and mitts, and on the care of woolen goods, of which she had some very fine pieces, particularly fine white woolen for her own undergarments, her plaids for the men's shirts, and her splendid blue and white or red and white counterpanes.

Their first garden and grain was planted between the stumps, sown by hand and cut with a sickle or large knife. The grain was threshed out with a flail and tossed in the wind until it was cleaned, and before the grist mills were established it was ground in a home-made mortar - a beach block with a deep hollow in the end of it, and a round-headed mallet to serve as a pounder. When the grain was broken up it was put through sieves, the finest used for bread and the next for porridge. For many years salt-rising bread was used, later to be replaced by hop-rising, and later still, by other methods. Our grandmother never used any other than the salt-rising method.

The first apple orchard our grandparents had was grown by them from the apple seeds, and the first peach orchard (perhaps the first in Aldborough) was grown by Grandmother from peach pits.

The first plough Grandfather had, he walked over to his old home at Eagle and got the clumsy irons off an old plough. They weighed 100 lbs., but he put them in a bag and carried them on his shoulders all the way home. He then made the wood parts and assembled it.

Grandfather, and later some of his sons, excelled in making ox-yokes, wooden rakes, harrows, flails, brooms, handles, etc.

Our pioneer grandparents worked long hours. I have been told that one fall evening when Grandfather was late in coming in to supper, Grandmother working by candlelight and the light of the fireplace, while getting the meat, noticed her two small boys, who were playing in the open doorway, trying to coax what they evidently thought was the dog, to come into the house. When she stepped over to see she found it was a huge black bear.

Another story is told of two boys of the family a few years later. They had been sent down the river to bring home the cows. There were not many fences then, so cattle and hogs particularly roamed at large. It was a custom for each herd of cattle to have a bell on the neck of one of them, so they could be more easily located, and soon each family got to know their own bell. The boys located the cattle down at the hog-back opposite Cashmere. They had turned them around, when suddenly the cattle became disturbed, and began re-arranging themselves. They had sighted two wolves quite close at hand. Being pioneer children, they were wise enough to get into the centre of the herd, where the calves and weaker ones were quickly placed, while the large strong ones with horns arranged themselves on the outside ready for battle. However the wolves did not attack, and the herd with the two boys in their midst got safely home.

One of the big events in the lives of the pioneers on the river Thames was the oil excitement at Bothwell about 1863, and another outstanding event was the building of the dam at Cashmere. Grandfather's farm, on account of its location and river-banks was a great place for watering logs. My own father, Thomas, earned his first money as a boy of 14. He was time-keeper for the men who were watering logs. He got 25 cents per day, and he told me he was the proudest boy in Canada, when with \$1.75 earned by himself he got his first pair of store boots, which were the first boots he ever had that were really his own. Being one of the younger members of the family he always had second hand ones, but he always added, "unlike some other pioneer children, we always had some kind of good boots, and good socks for winter" for Grandmother looked well to the comfort of her children as far as she was able.

Our grandparents paid for about 600 acres of land, which they gave to their sons, and they also bought two lots at New Glasgow, which at that time gave promise of becoming a city. Those lots have been, for many years now, covered with water, or out in the lake.

Grandfather was a Liberal in politics and an early subscriber to the Globe newspaper and the Southern Countie's Journal, as the Times Journal was first called. He was also one of the first members of the Aldboro Agricultural Society.

Our grandparents were followers of the Covenanted Baptist Church, and once Grandmother tied one of her children, (a baby of 8 months) on her back and walked to Eckford, a distance of 16 or 18 miles, to church, leaving early Saturday morning.

Hospitality was something in which they prided themselves. Grandfather was always friendly with the Indians, and no tramp was ever turned from his door. The Indians were never refused permission to sleep at his fireplace, when they were overtaken by a storm, or darkness when en route between Muncey and Moravian-town. In turn, they would often leave a piece of venison, and on more than one occasion helped him to locate straying animals. They further showed their friendship when many years afterwards, when they established the Moravian Fair, Uncle Archie was asked to be a judge of stock at their first fair.

When our grandparents had been married 50 years, and were living comfortably in the large frame house, their children gave them a surprise by all coming home, and having a nice picnic dinner with them in their fine orchard. There were 9 families and over forty grandchildren.

As far as I have been able to learn, our people were not superstitious,

as most Scotch pioneers were. When the ague was bad among the settlers, and the myrn and black-leg broke out among the cattle, they attributed it to natural causes, and set about to remedy conditions.

The first school attended by the family was located on the corner of the first concession and the Furnival road. Later, on the day on which Uncle Dugald was born 81 years ago, a good log school-house was built on the Martin Knoll, about a half a mile from Grandfather's house. Grandfather took up one corner, and Uncle Dan the other, and of course, no bee, or community gathering could be properly celebrated without the usual Scotch whiskey.

This building proved to be a real community centre. Religious services, political meetings, debates and singing schools were held there, as well as the regular school, and many a pioneer child went out into the world, quite well equipped with the knowledge gained there.

Many of the teachers boarded with Grandmother, for it was a custom for the teacher to board among the pupils, and as Grandfather had so many children attending school, and was so close, they had the teacher a good deal of the time.

This rambling story would hardly be right without mention of an English girl by the name of Katie Barret, who lived with the family many years, and who Grandfather taught to speak Gaelic. Our aunts, Mary and Flora, went into domestic service when quite young, and then married, so Grandmother in the latter years of her life always kept a hired girl, as they were then called.

Uncle Dugald, who is present here to-day, is the last living member of the family. He told me a little story recently, about how he and my father, when small boys, went into the store-room when all the rest of the family were away, and with chisel and hammer, they helped themselves to a generous piece of maple sugar from the edge of a large cake. They then turned the cake around with it's broken edge to the wall. After they did it, they were afraid, but it was not discovered for months after. There were no chocolate bars, or ice-cream or gingerale those days, but children loved sweet things then, just the same as now, and what could be better than good tamarack gum, and maple sugar, and what joy and excitement when they discovered a bee tree well filled with honey.

Our grandparents and most of our parents are gone. They have left us a wonderful heritage. They were truly builders of our nation. They have left their imprint. May all that was good in them live on through us.

Further to the topic of school. The teacher's salary was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of wheat for each pupil and a first reader cost one bushel of wheat.

Alexander Campbell was born in Argyleshire, Scotland May 1st 1808  
Catherine Cambell was born in Argyleshire, Scotland October 16th 1808  
They were married in Aldborough, Canada, by Elder Dugald Campbell April 23rd  
1833

They moved to the river Thames with oxen and sleigh on May 1st 1833

Alexander Campbell died 1887

Catherine Campbell died January 23rd 1899

Their children were:

Donald Campbell born March 4th 1834

Archibald Campbell born September 12th 1835

Mary Campbell born June 4th 1837

Flora Campbell born February 4th 1839

Duncan Campbell born August 25th 1840

John Campbell born August 15th 1842

Alexander Campbell born October 11th 1846

Thomas Campbell born February 23rd 1849

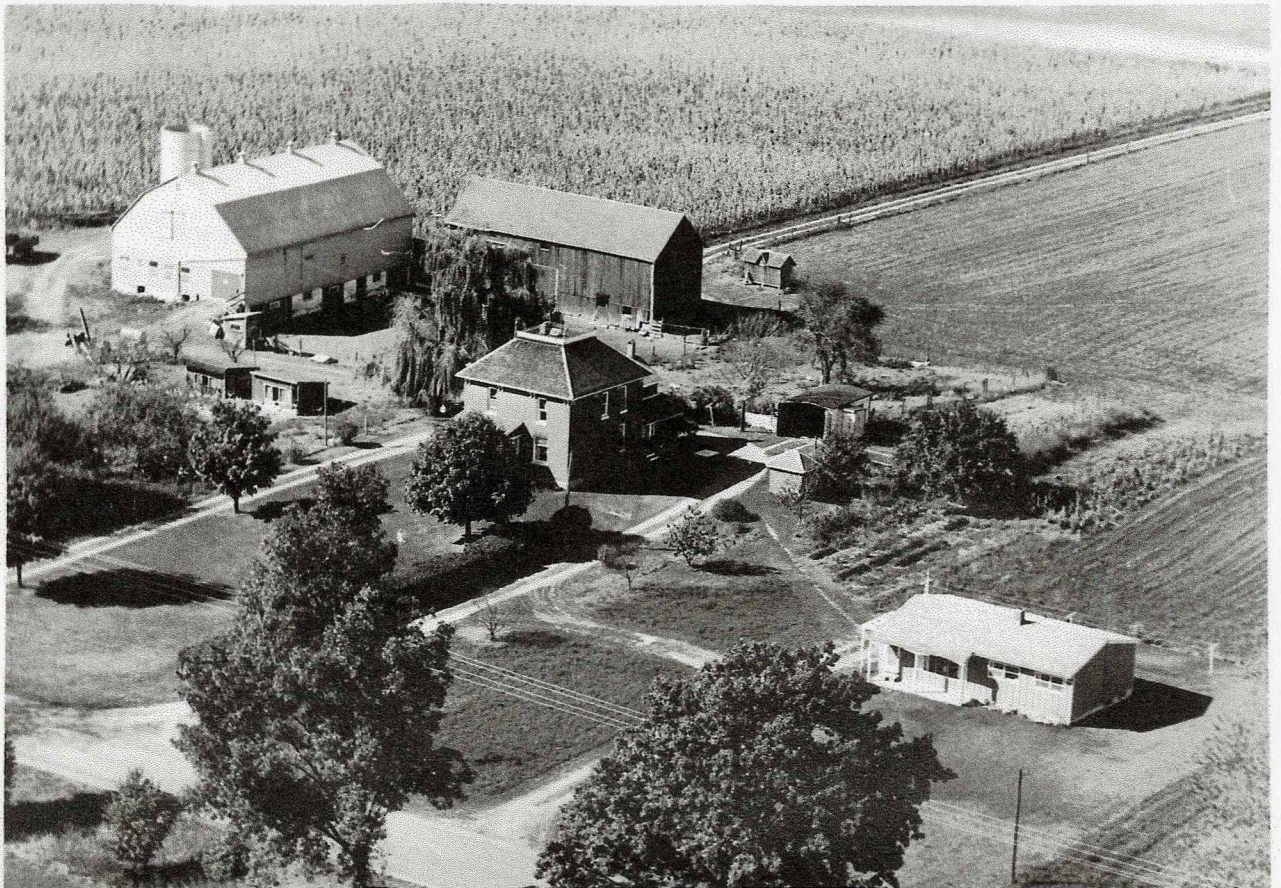
Dugald Campbell born May 2nd 1852

House built in 1867-1868

Mrs. Martin Woolner, Alice, Elsie and Harvey. 1897.



The Woolner Farm Homes.



1960.



## FARM HISTORY

West  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 3, Concession 2, Aldborough Township.

As of Centennial Year 1967, this farm has been in the Woolner name for 90 years. It was bought from the Crown by Henry Ross Archer in 1867, who sold it the following year to Duncan McColl. The next owner was Railton Smith. In 1877 it was purchased by Jacot Woolner of Kitchener, who sold it to his son Martin Woolner in 1890. Upon his death in 1942, his son Gordon became the owner. The log house was replaced by a fine brick home in the 1890's. In 1956 a tornado swept through the district, demolishing the larger of the two barns. It was shortly replaced by a good steel structure. In 1958 the son Allan was married and built a nice modern home nearby on the farm.

Seventy-five years ago natural gas was discovered in the locality and each farmer soon had his own heating system. Mr. Woolner started drilling his well one morning and found gas at 67 feet and by night had it installed in the log house. In 1937 it was necessary to pump the gas with electricity and it still gives good service and comfort to the household.







CLACHAN GENERAL STORE IS BEING demolished by owner Lloyd Brennan, the white brick veneer being removed recently, leaving the wooden frame to come down.

## Clachan General Store served that community over 75 years

A landmark since 1896, the Clachan General Store has stood the test of time. But in recent years, it has been in a state of disrepair, and is being demolished. It was closed as a viable business a number of years ago.

The building was constructed by William Scott and William Wright with the McKay family as masons. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trestain were the first owners.

The store was officially opened with an oyster supper prepared for the community by Mr. Trestain.

According to Mrs. Kathleen Downie, a complete line of groceries, hardware and dry goods was sold.

The store also hired two peddlers' wagons to sell necessities to housewives in the surrounding communities.

Commercial travellers came from London to show their wares. Local farmers brought in their cream, eggs and butter which were traded for merchandise.

Mr. Trestain had a butter cellar in the basement. Frequently, he would pack the butter in wax-lined boxes and ship it to Whyte Packing Company in Montreal.

"It was considered a first class product".

He also had a large walk-in ice box in the basement. Ice was cut from the Thames and stored in an ice house beside the store.

At Christmas, Mr. Trestain bought extra quantities of chickens, turkeys and

geese. Mrs. Downie said, "the giblets were given freely to everyone in the town."

Any freight was brought from the station at Bothwell. Bread came by train from Thamesville in a large wicker basket with a tight lid to ensure freshness. Loaves were sold for five cents each.

"Miss Lena Ashton was the efficient store clerk for many years. Jack Patterson drove the freight wagon and was a good natured neighbour."

Mrs. Downie remembered that Mr. Trestain was a good salesman.

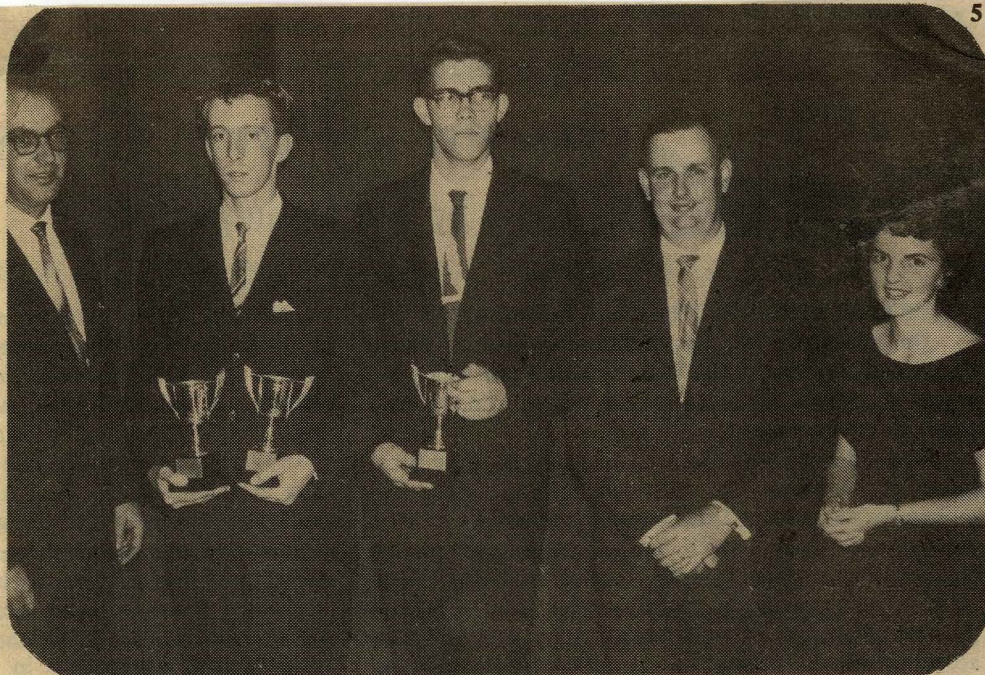
"People in those days handed their list of groceries to the clerk and he or she weighed up the bulk sugar, tea or raisins."

Mrs. Trestain had seven children in 20 years and thus was kept busy tending her family's needs upstairs in the living quarters. Often, she would hear someone shout, "Mother, we're busy. Can you come down and help us?"

In later years, the business was run as a family operation until the Trestains moved to the homestead at Strathburn.

Lena Ashton, the late Mrs. Angus Colquhoun, was a long time clerk.

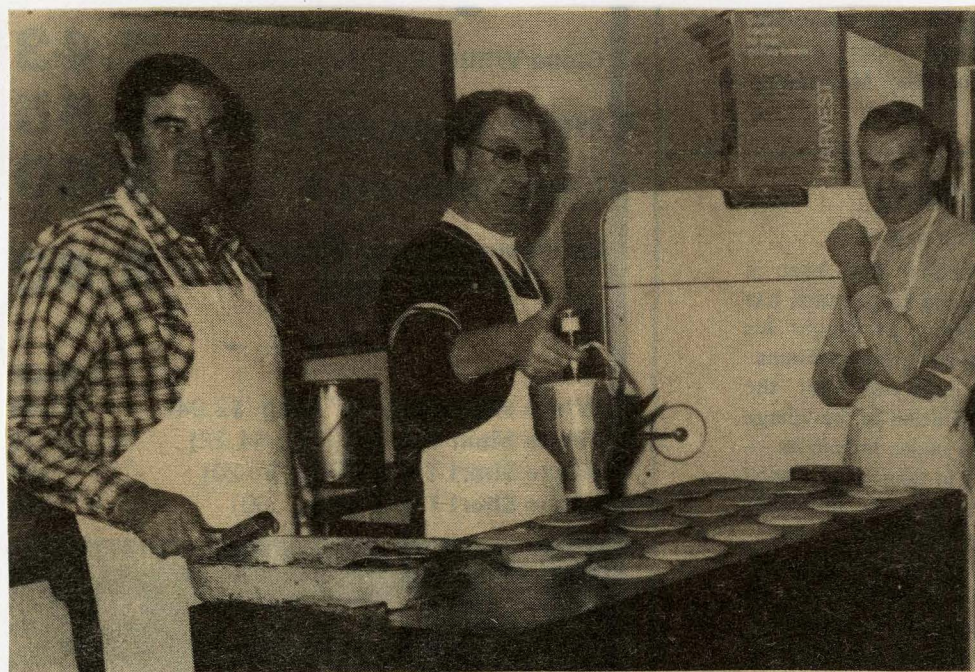
Other owners were: Albert Kerr, Cecil James, Art Staples, Mrs. Staples, Austin brothers, Lloyd Hillman, Fred Pike, Bob Wilson, Leo Cross and current owner Lloyd Brenner, who has owned it for over 15 years.



4-H Club winners at Rodney Fair in 1960 received their trophies, awards and prize money at the Agricultural Society Banquet in Rodney Community Hall. Pictured left to right are: Fair Board President and Calf Club leader, Paul Baker, Ken Schleihauf, who won trophies in the Calf and Corn

Clubs, Don Jewel, Dutton, winner of the Engineering Club, Allan Woolner, 1st Vice-President of the Board and leader of the Corn Club, and Helen VanDeBogart, winner in the 4-H Homemakers' Club.

Mercury-Sun photo.



KIWANIANS DON WRIGHT, BERT Badger and Bev Lashbrook were some of the club members on duty in the recreation hall's kitchen Sunday morning, preparing

food for the 350 who attended the club's pancake breakfast. Don served sausage, Bert cooked the pancakes and Bev kept the pancake mix in good supply.

Feb/84



## HOUSE LOGS

### THESE ARE PERMANENT HISTORIES THAT ARE KEPT IN THE HOME!

The log begins with the first house on the property in word and picture showing views, telling location etc.; then all the changes in the buildings and families through the years.

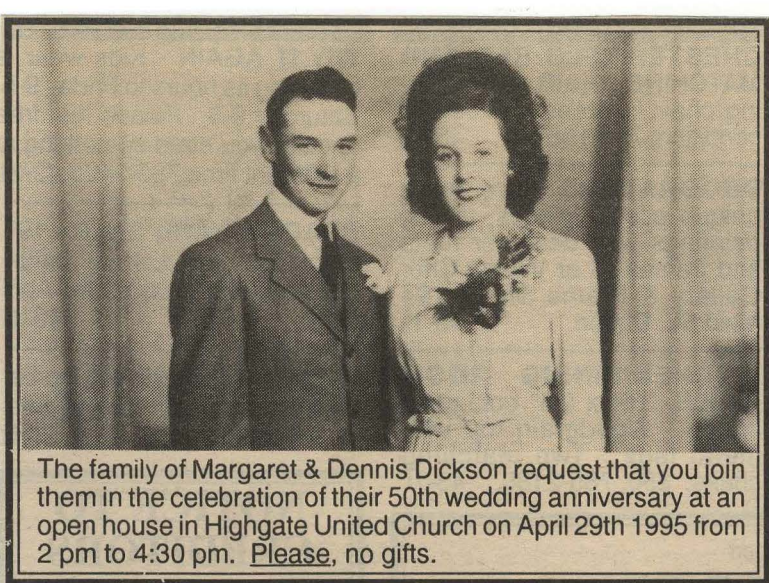
Some of the items covered would include:

1. Statement ~~inside~~ cover "That this log remains in the house, and is to be filled in by future families."
2. Site: Lot, concession, township and county.
3. Designer or architect.
4. Date of Building.
5. Materials -- stone, brick, lumber, etc.  
(Any special design or where from -- primeval forest, local stone, locally made brick, etc.)
6. Sketch of original floor plan.
7. Water system -- Hydro and telephone installation etc.
8. Original family -- successive as time passes.
9. Changes in building -- showing later floor plans.
10. Sketch of drainage system; water supply system; wiring etc.
11. Some farm statistics if wished.

Any type of book may be used. It should be chained to something permanent in the house.

If the home is razed -- for a new road, etc. -- then the log should be placed in the local library.

H.M. Walker,  
Prov. Curator,  
Jan. 1976.



The family of Margaret & Dennis Dickson request that you join them in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house in Highgate United Church on April 29th 1995 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Please, no gifts.



Rodney Santa Claus Parade



Francis Johnston, Bell Campbell,  
Cassie McLarty, Jessie McLeod



Prince + Princess - 2012-Rodney Fair

Odds  
&  
Ends ----



Jane Purcell, Janet Quinton + Marjorie  
Thomson



Display at fair

*Women's Institute members attending the 1935 convention in Iona*

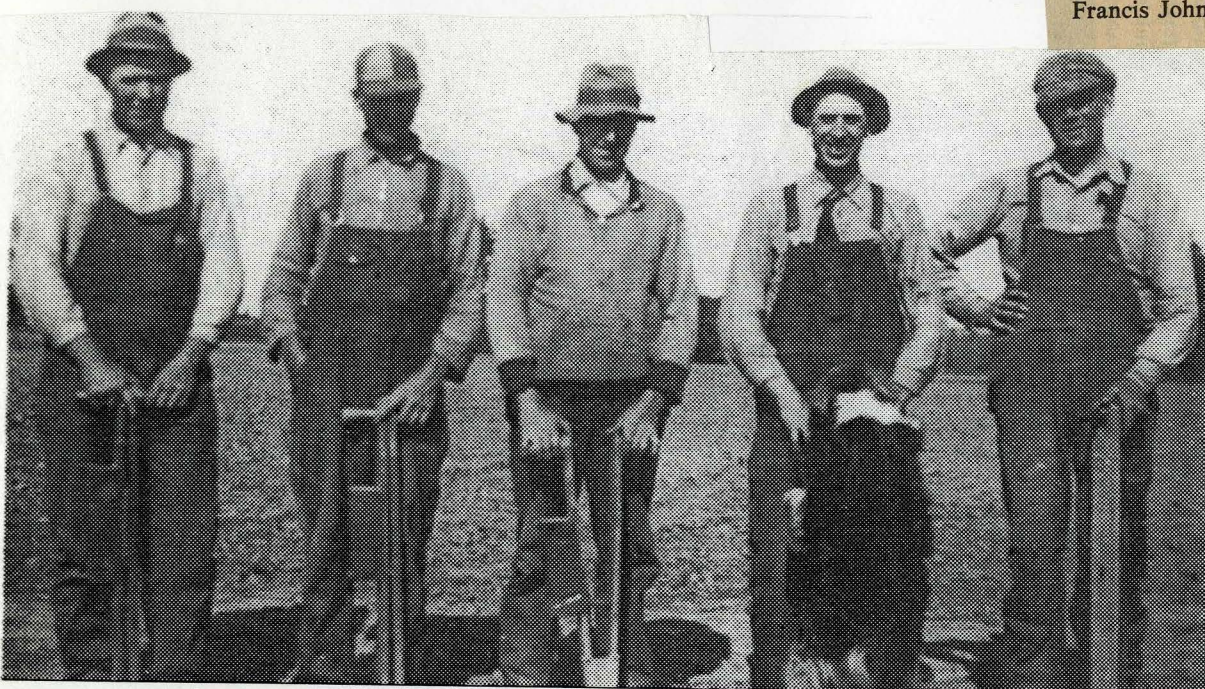


Here are the names of some of those attending from the West Lorne, Rodney and Clachan Institutes: Rodney - Mrs. J. B. McGugan, Mrs. Carl Wray, Mrs. Dan McPherson, Mrs. Wm. Purcell, Mrs. Ben Graham, Mrs. J. B. Schmid,

Mrs. Ben Eggert, Miss Pardo, (Mrs. N. Taylor), Mrs. Tom Davies, Mrs. Henry Mark, Mrs. Brad, Miss Mary Brad, Mrs. Adrian Shippey, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mrs. Gillies, Hannah Brad. West Lorne - Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, Mrs. H.

C. McKillop, Mrs. Dan McKillop, Mrs. J. B. Sherk, Mrs. Wm. Merrett, Mrs. Earl Lemon, Mrs. Philip Schleichauf, Mrs. A. J. McMillan, Mrs. Elliott, Principals wife, Mrs. Henry Smoke, first, Mrs. Wm. Bole, Mrs. F. Branch-

flower, Mrs. Arthur Gammon, Mrs. Neil McEachren (Crinan), Lily Reid, Moss, Smoke, third. Clachan - Miss Jessie Colquhon, Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. J. Johnston, Miss Francis Johnston, Miss Downie.



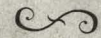
The Downie brothers, shown here planting corn in the 1930s, were: (left to right) Joel, Percy, John, Art and Roy. *Family farm on Clachan Rd. Now owned by Gerald Vanlith 1970*





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