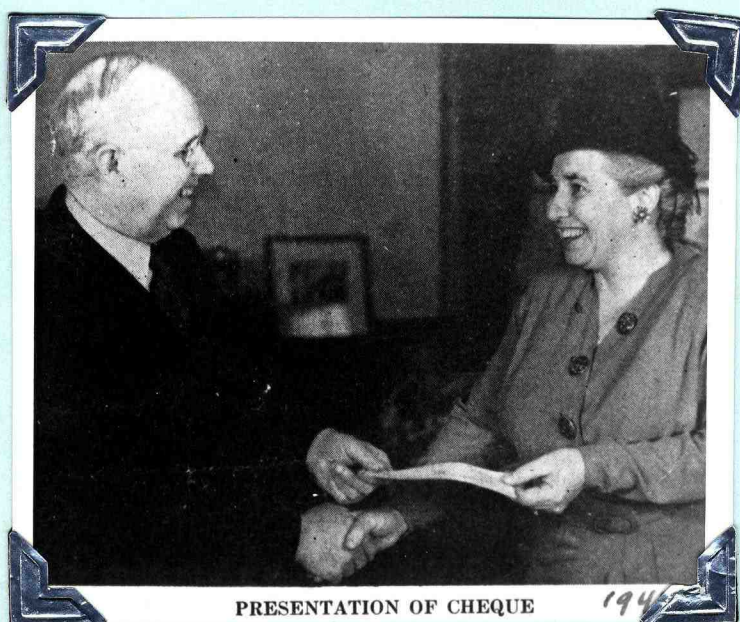


PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. J. R. (Dorothy) Fatcher

Mrs. Fatcher was Provincial Board Member for the years 1945 - 1948. A daughter of the late E. A. Horton, one time mayor of St. Thomas, and Mrs. Horton, attended public school and collegiate institute in St. Thomas, and later the College of Education in Toronto. She taught at Middlemarch and Fingal, and later married J. R. Fatcher, Talbot Road, Southwold Twp. She became interested in Institute work and was President of Middlemarch Branch of the W.I. She served as President of West Elgin District during 1941 - 1942. In 1945 she was named Provincial Board Member for East and West Elgin and South Oxford, and in 1948 - 1949 held the office of Provincial President.

Mr. and Mrs. Fatcher have four children, two daughters and two sons. Mrs. Fatcher has been honoured in her district for her many projects, particularly her leadership in the establishment of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum and other movements of historical interest. At present she is chairman of the Elgin County Museum Committee.



PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

1945

PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. R. N. (Charlotte) McLellan

Mrs. McLellan was a daughter of the late Henry and Sarah McIntyre Kellens and was born at Lawrence Station, February 23, 1886. She attended public school there, Dutton high school, and St. Thomas Model School, - later teaching at Lawrence Station.

In 1909 Miss Kellens married Richard N. McLellan and lived on the Gore, Southwold Twp. She was a member of McBride's United Church, a charter member of the Lawrence Station Kensington Club, and a charter member and Life Member of Iona Women's Institute.

She held the offices of President, Sec-Treasurer, Branch Director, District Director, and Federated Board Member in the Branch, District, and Province. While serving as a Board member she was sent as a delegate to the first National Convention of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada held at Ottawa in October, 1957.

Mrs. McLellan took the courses in millinery and needlepoint sponsored by the Institute - her hobbies were needlepoint, writing papers, and knitting. One of her articles, "The Art of Being a Guest" was published in the Farmers Magazine in 1920. Mrs. McLellan had a delightful sense of humour, much energy and was a good neighbour. She was well-read, interested in the world around her, kind and loyal to her family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan raised a family of six sons and two daughters. Ian, the

eldest, is on the home farm - a century farm. Glen is in Victoria, Lloyd is a farmer and interior decorator, Donald is an attendant at the Ontario Hospital, Robert is at Markham, director of personell for Ontario Hydro Atomic Installations. William is at Eberts, a mink farmer, Sarah in Toronto, has a B.A. degree and is a teacher of remedial reading in five Toronto schools. Margaret, of London, has a B.A. degree and is supervisor of Home Economics for Loodon Public Schools.



PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. R. H. (Margaret G.) McNeil

Mrs. McNeil, the former Margaret Grace Cole, was born in Southwold Twp., attended public school there, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, and London Normal School, and taught at Wallacetown and Iona Station public schools.

She was a member of the Elgin County Junior Institute and was president in 1927. In 1928 she married Roy H. McNeil, and they have a family of four daughters and one son.

In 1942 Mrs. McNeil joined Dutton Women's Institute. She was president of this branch for two years and sec-treasurer for six years. In 1955 -56-57 she was president of West Elgin District W.I. and was also County Chairman for two years.

In 1963 Mrs. McNeil was elected Board Member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, representing East and West Elgin, and South Oxford. Mrs. J. Duncan Galbraith was the Alternate Member. Mrs. McNeil has been active in church work - is a past president of Knox Church Ladies Aid and Evening Auxiliary, also acting as secretary for these organizations in Dutton.

ELGIN COUNTY JUNIOR INSTITUTE

In Elgin County in 1924 the Junior Farmers were quite actively engaged in meetings, judging livestock, seed grain, etc., and it seemed fit there should be some similar activity for the girls. The Agricultural Representative for Elgin at this time was Mr. C. W. Buchanan who was very interested in promoting the welfare of young people. It was arranged for the girls to have a joint picnic with the Junior Farmers at Port Stanley. Miss Ethel Chapman was present and organized the girls as the Elgin Girls Institute. Miss Margaret Brown, Shedden (Mrs. Dr. C.W. Sinclair) was the first president, Miss Muriel Styles, Frome, Secretary-Treasurer was Miss Cora Hicks, Mr. Buchanan's secretary.

The next spring it was announced by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture that there would be a girls judging competition at the Toronto Exhibition. Twenty-two meetings were held throughout the county. The girls received instruction in judging bread, cake, school lunches, and house dresses. A county competition was held in St. Thomas and the high girl in each township was given a free trip to a rural leaders conference in Guelph with Alexander McLaren in charge of the course. At this time the young people held dances which were well-attended and enjoyed.

The next year the girls were sent to Toronto in a judging competition and won the trophy.

The Elgin Girls and Junior Farmers sponsored a Music Festival which was a decided success and Sunday services held at Paynes Mills.

The Elgin Girls continued as a group until about 1940 - then for a few years interest lagged. In 1945 they re-organized and held meetings at the homes of the members. Some of the topics they dealt with were Nutrition, Health, etc. An annual banquet in the Masonic Temple was a big event when a dance followed. The regional Field Day at Ridgetown was another event of interest shared with the Junior Farmers.

In 1946 it was decided to call the Elgin Girls Institute the "Central Elgin Junior Institute as there were other branches started in East and West Elgin. The Junior Institutes have made contributions to the Cancer Society and the Aid to Cina Fund; they also adopted a child for six months through the Save the Children Fund. Delegates were sent to the conference in Toronto and to the Conference in Guelph.

Following is a list of officers throughout the years:

1925 - Miss Margaret Brown (Mrs. Dr. Sinclair)

1926 - Miss Muriel Styles

P A S T P R E S I D E N T S

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JUNIOR FARMERS

JUNIOR INSTITUTES

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| 1922 - Stewart Brown, Shedden | 1922 - |
| 1923 - Hugh Carroll, R. 1, Iona Station | 1923 - Margaret Brown
(Mrs. C.W. Sinclair, Aylmer) |
| 1924 - Duncan Turner, R. 2, Shedden | 1924 - |
| 1925 - Donald Begg, R. 1, St. Thomas | 1925 - Muriel Styles
(Mrs. Wm. Carson,
2008 Altmar St., Pittsburg, Pa.) |
| 1926 - James Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station | 1926 - Alice Galbraith
(Miss Alice Galbraith,
1602 Bathurst St., Toronto) |
| 1927 - George Silcox, R. 2, Shedden | 1927 - Margaret Cole
(Mrs. Roy McNeil, R. 2, Dutton) |
| 1928 - D. Alex Turner, R. 2, Shedden | 1928 - Lyall Walker
(Mrs. Murray McLean, R. 2, Rodney) |
| 1929 - Vermont Pow, R. 7, St. Thomas | 1929 - Agnes Jean McCallum
(Mrs. Philip Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station) |
| 1930 - William Galbraith, Mount Brydges | 1930 - Greta Sutton
(Mrs. R. Allan, Talbotville, (deceased)) |
| 1931 - Albert Orchard, Shedden | 1931 - Belva Lewis
(Mrs. Lyle Cook, R. 3, St. Thomas) |
| 1932 - Donald M. Ferguson, R. 6, St. Thomas | 1932 - Jean McKenzie
(Mrs. Delbert Lale, R. 2, St. Thomas) |
| 1933 - Cecil McKenzie, R. 2, St. Thomas | 1933 - Kay Galbraith
(Mrs. N. J. Denholm, St. George) |
| 1934 - Fred Begg, Shedden (deceased) | 1934 - Elda Mae Horton
(Mrs. R.K. Patterson, 37 Stanley St.,
St. Thomas) |
| 1935 - Mason Tansley, R. 5, St. Thomas | 1935 - Winifred Randall
(Mrs. W. Faulkner, 41 Arthur St.,
St. Thomas) |
| 1936 - Glen Dufty, R. 5, St. Thomas | 1936 - Beulah Butler
(Mrs. Wm. Bodkin, R. 3, St. Thomas) |
| 1937 - Jas. A. McKinley, R.1, Port Stanley | 1937 - Ruth White
(Mrs. Carl L. Irwin,
5915 McLynn Ave., Montreal, Que.) |
| 1938 - Kenneth Bawden, R. 7, St. Thomas | 1938 - Isobel Turner
(Mrs. Morrison Paulson,
Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas) |
| 1939 - Gordon Lyle, R. 7, St. Thomas | 1939 - Norah Curtis
(Miss Norah Curtis, 25 Metcalfe St.,
St. Thomas) |
| 1940 - Kenneth Burton, 383 Talbot St. Thomas | 1940 - Helen Gloin
(Mrs. Murray Harris, Yarmouth Centre) |
| 1941 - Mac Charlton, R. 2, Springfield | 1941 - Helen Martyn
(Miss Helen Martyn, R. 4, St. Thomas) |

PAST PRESIDENTS

ELGIN COUNTY

JUNIOR FARMERS

- 1942 - Freeman Parker, R. 1, Fingal
- 1943 - Walter Bawden, R. 7, St. St. Thomas
- 1944 - Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas
- 1945 - Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas
- 1946 - William Lyle, R. 1, St. Thomas
- 1947 - Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas
- 1948 - Fred Charlton, R. 3, Springfield
- 1949 - Donald Small, R. 3, Iona Station
- 1950 - Leslie Armstrong, R. 1, Union
- 1951 - Grant Burks, R. 2, Springfield
- 1952 Mac Hunter, R. 1, Pt. Stanley
- 1953 - Angus Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
- 1954 - Giles Hume, Springfield
- 1955 - Harold Carroll, R. 1, St. Thomas
- 1956 - Donald McCallum, R. 2, Dutton
- 1957 - Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas
- 1958 - John McNeil, Dutton
- 1959 - Donald Shelley, R. 1, Union
- 1960 - James West, R. 4, Dutton
- 1961 - Henry Helder, R. 1, Belmont
- 1962 - Allister Cameron, R. 3, Dutton
- 1963 - Ralph Cornish, R. 1, Springfield

JUNIOR INSTITUTES

- 1942 - Wilhemenia Hunter
(Mrs. Herb. Jackson, R. 2, Pt. Stanley)
- 1943 - Grace McCormick
(Mrs. Morley Blewett, R. 6, St. Thomas)
- 1944 - Ludora Gloin
(Mrs. Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas)
- 1945 - Jean Baker
(Mrs. Cal. Watson, R. 8, St. Thomas)
- 1946 - Edith Auckland
(Mrs. Albert Auckland, Talbotville)
- 1947 - Helen Mallot
(Mrs. Robert Martin, R. 8, St. Thomas)
- 1948 - Helen Patterson
(Mrs. J. Orchard, 45 Elgin, St. Thomas)
- 1949 - Wilma Rollins
(Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, R. 1, Union)
- 1950 - Marjorie Carroll
(Mrs. Mac Hunter, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1951 - Doreen Barker
Miss Doreen Barker, Springfield
- 1952 - Kay Ferguson
Miss Kay Ferguson, R. 6, St. Thomas
- 1953 - Mary Olde
(Mrs. Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas)
- 1954 - Yvonne Patterson
(Mrs. Don McCallum, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1955 - Donna-Rae Prong
(Miss Donna-Rae Prong, Toronto)
- 1956 - Margaret McTavish
(Mrs. Don Carroll, R. 3, Iona Station)
- 1957 - Grace Rivers
(Mrs. Russell Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1958 - Marjorie Horton
(Mrs. Robt. Baxter, R. 2, Springfield)
- 1959 - Mary Howe
(Mrs. Gary Begin, B.C.)
- 1960 - Carolyn Davis
(Mrs. Allister Cameron,
232 Oakland Ave., London, Apt. 109)
- 1961 - Leta West
(Mrs. Jas. West, R. 4, Dutton)
- 1962 - Ann Faulkner,
(Mrs. Keith Fairfield, St. Catherines)
- 1963 - Christine Kestaloat
(Miss Christine Kestaloat, R. 1, Vienna)

PAST PRESIDENTS

ELGIN COUNTY

JUNIOR FARMERS

1964 - Don. P. Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
1965 - Jim Moore, R. 2, Belmont
1966 - Jamey Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
1967 - Larry Jenner
1968 - Keith Bawden
1969 - Jim Thomson
1970 - David Bobier
1971 - Robert Draper
1972 - Doug Taylor
1973 - Jean Jenkins
(Mrs. Bill Emmott)
1974 - Ray Burgess
1975 - Bob Howey
1976 - Al Carroll
1977 - Carl Taylor
1978 - Dorothy Howey
1979 - Peter Charlton
1980 - Jim Carder
1981 - Deanna Versteegen
1982 - Marilyn Taylor
1983 - Peter Kerkvliet

JUNIOR INSTITUTES

1964 - Brenda Anger
(Mrs. Jay Anger, R. 2, Harrow)
1965 - Charlotte Davis
(Miss Charlotte Davis,
232 Oakland Ave., Apt. 109, London)
1966 - Linda Webster
(Miss Linda Webster, R. 1, Wallacetown)
1967 - Evelyn Sloan
(Mrs. Keith Bawden)
1968 - Barbara Lamb
(Mrs. L. H. Jinkerson)
1969 - Valerie Shore
(Mrs. Bill Cron)
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CENTRAL ELGIN JUNIOR INSTITUTE JUDGING TEAM 1923

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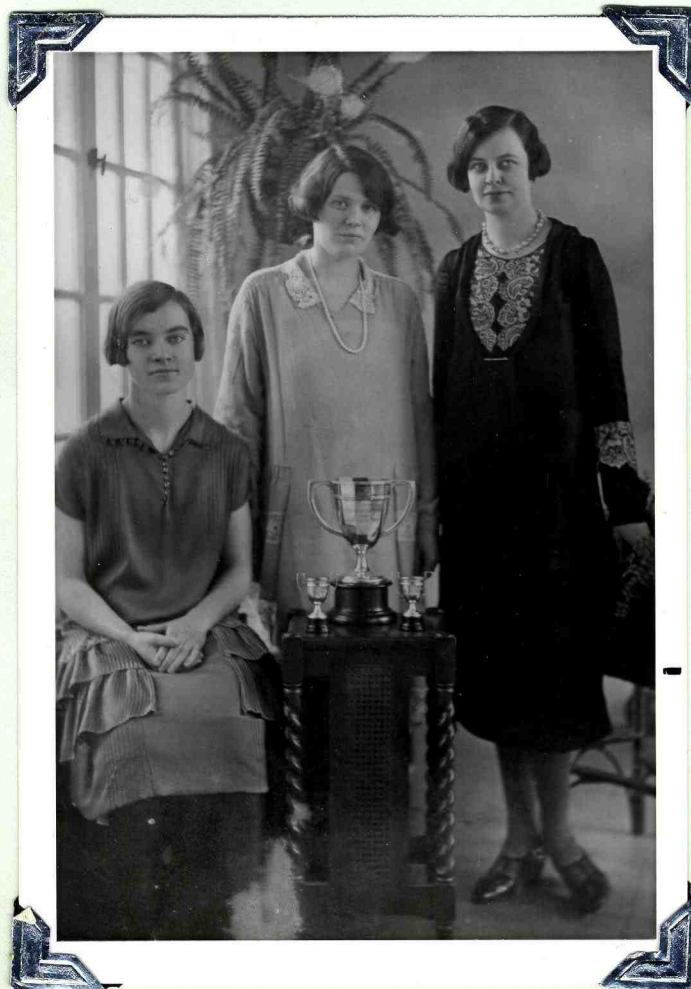
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At the competition in Toronto each team member had to make a button hole. The team also judged classes of breads and cakes and completed a lengthy quiz on different categories of domestic science.

John A. (Jack) Carroll, now a member of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame, attended the competition as the Agricultural Representative for another County but he was very excited when a team from his own home County of Elgin won.

Catharine Turner is now Mrs. Henry Linke of Kitchener. Mary McTavish lives in Frome and is Mrs. Claris Silcox. Margaret Cole married Roy McNeil and her biography as district president is in the Elgin West Tweedsmuir history book.

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