

MRS. DUNCAN GALBRAITH

Mrs. Duncan Galbraith was the former Ida Bernice Lewis and was born in North Yarmouth, the elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Lewis. She attended the Glen School, North Yarmouth, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, and London Normal School. She taught in St. Thomas, the Glen School, River Road School, and in Francis School, Fort William.

In 1928 Miss Lewis and Duncan Galbraith were married in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, and they settled at Braithwood Farms, Iona Station.

Mrs. Galbraith became a member of Iona Station W.I. in 1928 and has been a consistent member, serving as pianist, District Director, Secretary and President.

In 1959 she was elected District President and later County Chairman, acting in that capacity at the County Rally at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas in October of 1961. At the Area Convention in London in 1963 Mrs. Galbraith was elected Alternate Board Member.

A Presbyterian, and member of Knox Church, Dutton, she was President of the Evening Auxiliary in 1963 - 64. Mrs. Galbraith is a past Matron of Adah Chapter, 276, Order of the Eastern Star, Dutton.

Her interests are music, gardening, and reading. Projects with which she has identified herself are the Canadian Cancer Society and the Mental Health Association.



MRS. E. S. DOWN

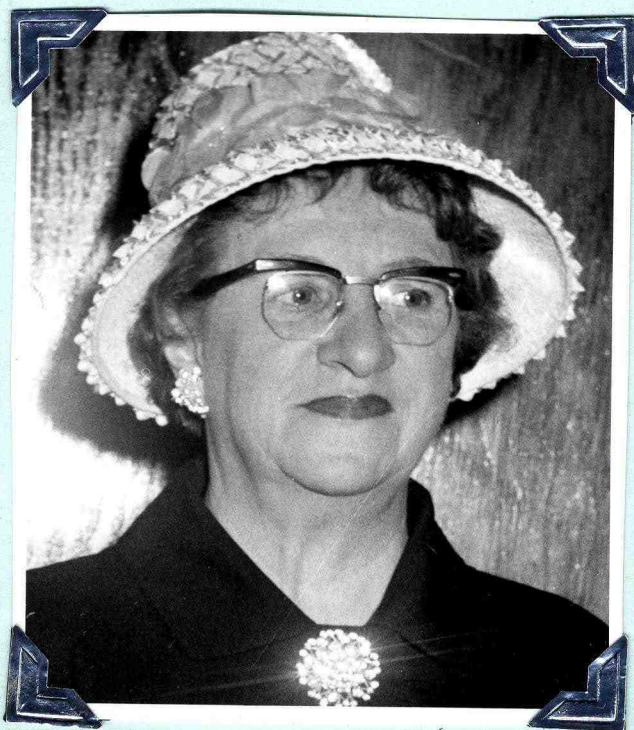
Mrs. Edgar S. Down was born Norah M. Williams in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England. In 1913 she came with her family and settled in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mrs. Down graduated as a nurse from the Royal Alexander Hospital in Edmonton. She nursed in various places throughout Alberta - Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Claresholm, and Calgary, and in Ontario at Gravenhurst and London.

In 1940 she married Edgar S. Down of Shedden and has resided there ever since. Mrs. Down possesses a very cheerful and kindly disposition and as such, has never ceased practising her profession in a most generous way in the community.

She has been very active in a number of organizations - is a past president, and still a board member of the Elgin County branch of the Mental Health Association, is an Anglican, and a faithful worker in the ladies division of the Fair Board.

Mrs. Down is an artist of note and at the present time conducts a number of art classes throughout Elgin County.



She has been very active in the Women's Institute, a member of Shedden branch where she has held several offices, president for one term of two years, and secretary for two terms of three and four years.

From 1962 to 1964 Mrs. Down very capably filled the office of President of the West Elgin District of the Women's Institute.

MRS. VERMONT POW

Born on the 12th Concession of North Yarmouth Twp. to Alexander and Elizabeth Campbell, Katherine attended St. Thomas Public and High School, going on to Alma College, St. Thomas, MacDonald College, Guelph, and to the University Hospital in Philadelphia, U.S.A. She returned to the Memorial Hospital in St. Thomas as Dietitian for several years before being married to Vermont Pow, Road Superintendent for Southwold Twp. and they reside at Paynes Mills on Highway No. 3. The Pow's have four children, Marion, Alex, Margaret, and James.

Mrs. Pow is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, and has always taken an active interest in charitable and community affairs. She was President of the Elgin County Branch of the Mental Health Association, W.H.P. of the White Shrine, St. Thomas, and is a member of Maple Leaf Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, St. Thomas.

Mrs. Pow joined the local branch of the Women's Institute shortly after her marriage and has held a keen interest in the affairs of this organization ever since. She has held the following offices: - President of the local branch, President of the West Elgin District W.I., member of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Committee. At this date she is the first Vice-President of the London Convention Area of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.



MRS. HAROLD (LENORE) BUTLER

PRESIDENT 1968-1969-1970

Della Lenore Dale was born and raised on a small farm at Glendale just south of London. She was educated at #8 Glendale Public school. Later she attended London Central Collegiate Institute, University of Western Ontario (General Arts B. A.), and London Normal School.

She taught school at Nairn, New Sarum and North Dorchester public schools. After teaching for several years she married Harold N. Butler a brakeman on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Mrs. Butler still resides on their forty-seven acre farm on County Road 16 in Southwold Township. Mr. Butler died in 1969 during Mrs. Butler's term as District President. Cash crops were grown, (corn and soyabeans) , at first by her husband, then by a nephew, Robert K. Butler and now by a neighbour, Owen Tufford.

As a member of Middlemarch Womens' Institute Mrs. Butler has served her branch as secretary, president and several convenorships. She was also Convenor of Agriculture and Industries, President, and Public Relations Officer for Elgin West District. In 1970 she was Secretary-Treasurer of the Elgin County Womens' Institute Rally. She has also been president of the Elgin Manor Auxiliary and Tuck Shop Convenor.

A member of First United Church, St. Thomas, Mrs. Butler has served as secretary and president of the Afternoon Unit and president of the General UCW of First Church.

Mrs. Butler has two adopted children, Nelson, who owns and operates a trucking business, and Mary, who has a responsible position at Westinghouse Inc. in London.

Mrs. Butler has attended five national conventions to date:

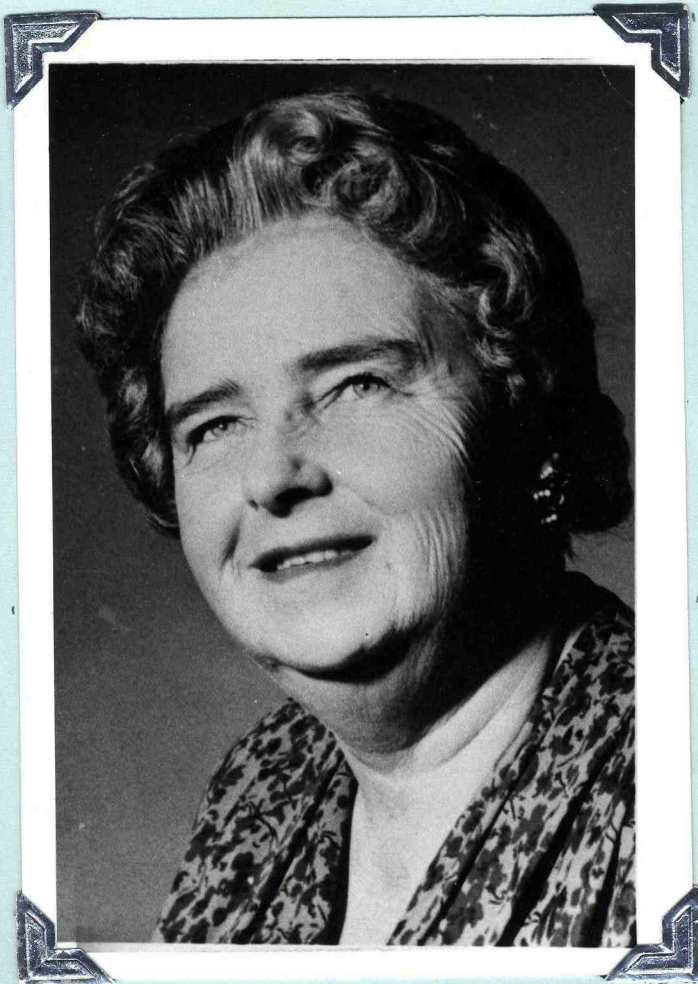
1970 - Winnipeg

1973 - Banff

ACWW Conference

1974 - Perth, Australia

1980 - Hamburg - Germany



MRS. GORDON GOW

DISTRICT PRESIDENT 1971 - 72, 1972 - 73

Mary Gow was born at the family farm in the Wallacetown area to Mac and Jean Sinclair Littlejohn, one of eight children, 6 girls and 2 boys. I attended the Tyrconnell Public school and Dutton High School. I trained at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto and graduated in 1946. Five of the six sisters became Registered Nurses.

My husband Gordon D. Gow and I were married in December 1946 and lived on the Gow farm until 1967 then moved into Dutton. We have one son Gregory of Carleton University, four daughters, Win Anne and Elizabeth both Registered Nurses and Jeannie and Catherine still in school.

I am a member of the Wallacetown United Church and have been teaching Sunday School for a few years.

I was a 4-H leader for 5 years of the Tyrconnell 4-H club. The Tyrconnell Institute was formed in April 1947 and I joined in 1948. Have held several convenorships as well as being President. I was President of the District in 1971 - 72 and 1972 - 73. I was chairman of the Elgin County Rally. In November 1972 I was elected Provincial Board Director for Subdivision #22 for 3 years.

I was a Discussion Group Leader for the Federated W. I. of Ontario 25th Officers Conference in May 1973. I attended the National Convention of the Federated W. I. of Canada held in Banff in 1973.



MARY RECEIVED
AN
APPRECIATION AWARD
FOR
VOLUNTEER SERVICES
PRESENTED
in LONDON, ONT.
in JUNE, 1986.

MRS. IVAN (WILMA) MacADAM

DISTRICT PRESIDENT 1973-1974

Wilma McCallum was born on Concession 2, Dunwich Township, the daughter of Mary and D. H. McCallum. She attended Dutton High School, then London Normal School. After graduation she taught at #17 Lawrence Station School before going to teach in Cochrane, Ontario. After five years on the staff there she married Ivan L. MacAdam from Westmount, Quebec, moving to Kapuskasing also in Northern Ontario.

In 1935 they moved to the Town of Mount Royal in Montreal, Quebec where Mrs. MacAdam taught for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. On her husband's retirement in 1963 they returned to Dunwich Township to live on the century farm originally owned by Mrs. MacAdam's great grandfather, John Milton. The farm is on the Iona-Melbourne Townline.

Mrs. MacAdam is an active member of the Cowal Branch Womens' Institute holding several offices there before becoming president of the Elgin West District and then Elgin County Rally president. She has also been active in the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Auxiliary and has been Worthy Matron twice in Adah Chapter, Dutton, Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1977 Mrs. MacAdam attended the ACWW Convention in Niarobi, Kenya and she also enjoyed a trip to Russia with the Goodwill Tour Group.

Mrs. MacAdam has two children and four grandchildren.



MRS. ELIAS (EVA) RECK

DISTRICT PRESIDENT 1975-1976

Eva (Felder) Reck was born February 27, 1922 in Kapetanovo, Yugoslavia. Became Canadian citizen at age 10 (rather than British subject) with schooling (grades 1 to 11) in Canada. In May 9, 1942 she married Elias Reck of the same village and has 5 children. Two boys (Bob and Tim) and three girls (Rose Mary Chrysler, Susan Martin and Lydia Holmes). with fourteen grandchildren, seven of each.

Became W. I. member in 1957 and held offices of secretary, president, P.R.O., Treasurer, Convenerships, Rally secretary, District president of Elgin West, and presently treasurer, and Sunday school teacher of Redeemer Lutheran Church of St. Thomas.

Our farm is only 42 acres and is located at Rural Route 5 St. Thomas, Ontario with gardening being not only a hobby but a necessity.

After 13 projects as a 4-H leader she became a senior leader on such projects as vegetables, Quilting and needlepoint. She enjoys her volunteer work at Elgin Manor and is a Life Member of River Road Women's Institute.

