

MRS. HERBERT PARKS

Madeline Fulton Parks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. (Jackson) Henry Fulton, was born in the Pt. Stanley area and received her early education at the West Magdala and Shedden public schools, and the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. She graduated from Macdonald Institute, Guelph, in the Associate class of 1932 and interned for six months each at Victoria Hospital, London, and at the Children's Hospital, Toronto, in Dietetics. She worked for some time with the Dept. of Agriculture doing work in Nutrition and clothing at County Short Courses - a fore-runner of the 4 H Homemaking Club programme.

In 1938 she married Herbert J. Parks and has since resided on the family farm just south of the village of Shedden on County road # 20. Mr. and Mrs. Parks have two children, William, a 1965 graduate of the University of Guelph, and Louise, a 1966 graduate of the Hamilton Civic Hospital School of Nursing.

In earlier years Mrs. Parks was a member of the Elgin County Junior Institute and served on the executive of this organization and as one of the representatives at the C.N.E. judging competitions.

A member of the Shedden Women's Institute for over thirty years, she has filled most of the offices, serving for eight years as secretary-treasurer.

She has assisted with many 4 H Homemaking Clubs as leader and assistant leader. She served the District of West Elgin as Committee Convener for Home Economics and Health for two years and as Secretary-treasurer for six years from 1960 - to 1966, a member of the executive committee of the Elgin County Rally W.I. and served as auditor for the London Area W.I. for two years.

For some years she was a member of the women's division of the Southwold and Dunwich Agricultural Society and a member of the Shedden Public Library Board. She had the privilege of serving as the first President of the newly formed United Church Women's

organization in the Shedden church in 1962 and 1963, and is an active member of this group - now serving as Secretary and Publicity convener.



MRS. BESSIE JOHNSON
SECRETARY-TREASURER 1967-1968

Mrs. Bessie Johnson was born in Iona, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brown. She was educated locally followed by attending the College of Education at the University of Toronto. After teaching five years she completed her Commercial Specialist standing. While visiting Detroit she accepted an office position and later married Ray Johnson of Detroit. With her husband's financial aid she became a partner and Secretary-Treasurer of Thomas Brick and Tile Company.

Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Johnson returned to Iona to care for her aged mother. She taught for two years at #2 Aldborough and Dunwich, three years at Talbotville and five years in the primary room at Shedden.

Mrs. Johnson was secretary, president and Tweedsmuir History curator for Iona Womens' Institute. She was convenor of the West Elgin Public Speaking Competitions, representative on the Farm Safety Council, Elgin West District Secretary and London Area Convenor of Education. She also served as Matron of Adah Chapter, Dutton, Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Mental Health Board, organizing the "Lifting Shadows" Christmas program for hospital patients for three years.



MRS. ELEANOR B. McMILLAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER 1976-1982

Eleanor Blanche Clark was born in Orford Township, Kent County. In early life she moved to Aldborough Township, Elgin County. She received her elementary school education at #7, Fleming School and Rodney Continuation School.

She was employed by Bell Canada as an operator at Rodney and later became chief operator-manager at Dutton.

In 1948 she married Bruce G. McMillan and they reside on their farm on County Road 9, Dunwich. Bruce and Eleanor have five sons; Wayne, Ian, Bryan, Alan and Kevin.

She is a member of Cowal Branch Womens' Institute where she has held several offices and she has been Elgin West District Secretary-Treasurer. Eleanor has also been church organist at Chalmers United Church, Cowal and Knox Presbyterian Church, Dutton.



President from 1989 - 1991



Dorothea Jewell Sec.-treas.

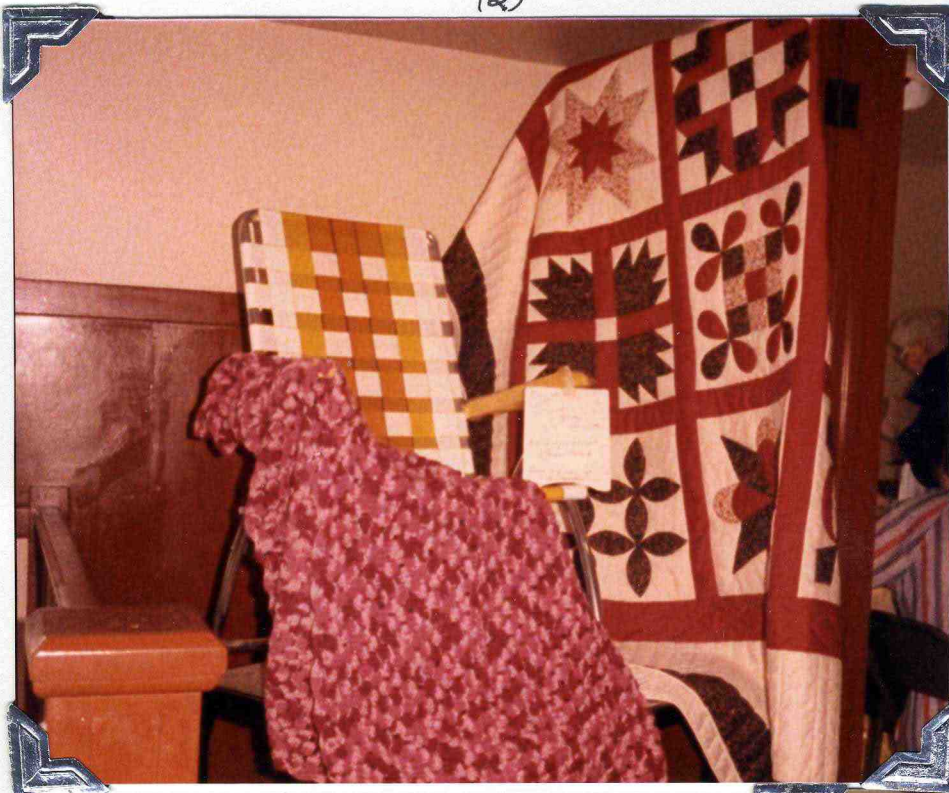
I was born in St.Thomas, my parents were Mildred and James Heddle, I have two brothers and three sisters. I took my education at Scott St. School and Arthur Voaden Vocational School. I worked at the Weatherhead Co. during the war years. I got married to a London man and moved there. I remarried in 1966 to Horace (Joe) Jewell, who had two girls, Elizabeth and Helen. We have 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After retiring in 1985, we moved to Wallacetown in 1986. Mrs. Gretrude Sloan, intoduced me to Women's Istitute in early 1987. In April of that year I took the office of secretary-treasurer and held that office until March 1992. In May 1990 I took the office of secretary-treasure for the Elgin West District Women's Institute until April 1992.

EVENTS

(1) Daffodil Tea held in Hallacetown Community Hall in August, 1985. At the tea table is Mrs. Helen Beecroft (left), President of West Elgin District W.I. and Mrs. Marion Pearce (right), President of Tyrconnell W.I., the hostess branch for the tea.



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(2) Prizes which were drawn for at the tea - 1st Sampler Quilt; 2nd Afghan and 3rd - lawn chair.

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(3) Elgin County Women's Institutes Display at the International Ploughing Match which was held near Talbotville in Sept. 1985. (Left) is Mrs. Sally McIntyre, President of Hallacetown W.I. and (right) is Mrs. Marion Holt of St. Thomas Junior Institute.



COWAL W.I. CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

IN 1985

The Cowal Women's Institute celebrated its 60th Anniversary in the Cowal Hall at 7 p.m. on May 9th, 1985. The Hall was most attractively decorated with its new curtains. Spring flowers and blue and gold candles. Institute Happenings of the past were on display throughout the room.

Mrs. Roy Guest, the president, presided over the meeting, and welcomed all the guests present from neighboring institutes, including Mrs. Clifford Campbell, a past member of Cowal and now a member of the Sebringville Institute; members of the Kensington Club; Mrs. Robert Van Patter, Bd. Director for District No. 22; Mrs. Ivan Beecroft, District president; Mrs. Earl Morden, District secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Rally president, who all brought greetings.

A delicious dessert luncheon was served ending with an Anniversary cake made and beautifully decorated by Mrs. Joe Peternel. The cake was cut by Mrs. David Bennett, the one charter member present.



Mrs. Stephanie Chapman, Interpreter of Elgin County Pioneer Museum demonstrated the old art of Pot pourri. Mrs. Dan McPherson won that prize.

A skit written and narrated by Mrs. Russell Campbell, "Fashion of the Future" was played by Mrs. Roy Guest, Mrs. Joe Peternel and Mrs. Ivan MacAdam.

(A planning meeting will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Roy Guest, at 7:30 p.m. on May 16th.)



MRS. ROY GUEST and MRS. DAVID BENNETT.

West Elgin Winter Picnic

Each Institute presented a skit, biography or song on a person who had contributed greatly to the work of the Institute and Community, for the program at the Winter Picnic held in Hallacetown Community Hall on January 7th, 1986.



(Mrs.)
Ann Kerkoliet,
Marion Tufford
Margaret Carroll
Lenore Butler,
of
Middlemarch
Branch.

Poetry was used, each letter in their Institute had a message.



(Mrs.)
Carol Gordon,
Brenda Silcox,
Pat Palmer,
Beth Vicary,
of
Shedden Branch.

A Book was displayed containing old time quilt blocks. The book is now in Elgin Pioneer Museum.