

SALLY McINTYRE NEW PRESIDENT OF ELGIN WEST WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MAY 13th, 1987

Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, as president of Elgin West District Women's Institute, presided at the District annual meeting at Paynes Mills Hall on Wednesday, May 13th. But Mrs. Campbell surprised the members by announcing that, due to family relocation, she must resign her position. The new district president will be Mrs. Sally McIntyre, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Eleanor McMillan; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Beth Vicary; secretary, Mrs. Mary Lippold; treasurer, Mrs. Hilde Morden; public relations officer, Mrs. Shirley Johnston; resolutions convenor, Mrs. Dorothy Robson; Tweedsmuir History curator, Mrs. Gertrude Sloan; assistant curator, Mrs. Beth Vicary; Pioneer Museum delegate, Mrs. Marj. Cowell; assistant delegate, Mrs. Frances McCallum, farm safety delegate, Mrs. Marion Tufford; auditors, Mrs. Hazel Stalker, Mrs. Leola Lawrence; nominating committee, Mrs. Willa Johnston, Mrs. Mary Gow, Mrs. Irene Auckland.

In her opening address, Mrs. Campbell referred to the founding of Women's Institute 90 years ago, and presented the next 90 years as one of challenge.

Mrs. Betty VanPatter, provincial board director, urged members to support ACWW funds by increasing the donations for Pennies for Friendship by the price of a loaf of bread per member. The London Area Convention will be at St. Marys on October 15 and 16, 1987.

Two new W.I. resolutions were accepted, one protesting the proposed closure of rural post offices, and the other protesting the use of agricultural land for waste disposal. We must promote the use of recycle depots. As this will be Mrs. VanPatter's last report as provincial board director to the district, she presented a W.I. history book for the use of all, and in turn was presented a gift by the district. This was the day for presentations. Miss Bonnie Wilson, Rural Organization Specialist, was presented a gift in honour of her upcoming marriage, and Mrs. Campbell in appreciation of her term as district president.

In her address, Miss Wilson urged members to have a positive attitude, and to try to be supportive of those in stress in these difficult times.

Greetings were brought by presidents of London Area, Oxford South District, Elgin East District and Elgin Rally. Mrs. Cowell, representing the Elgin County Pioneer Museum, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary.

Reports were given by representatives of the Elgin Manor Auxiliary, Farm Safety Council, and the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary. The Daffodil Tea will be at Wallacetown Hall on September 9th, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and from 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Roll call was answered by all 14 branches in the district.

District Annual May. 13th 1987.

Officers 1987-88.
(L. to R.)

Beth Veeney - 2nd Vice Pres.
Mary Lippold - Secretary
Dolly McIntyre - President
Helen Beechcroft - Past. Pres.
Eleanor McMillan - 1st Vice Pres.
Hilde Morden - Treasurer.



(L. to R.)

Pat Palmer,
Shirley Johnston,
Effie Post,
Dorothy Robson,
Marion Tufford,
Betty Rodgers.

Skit
presented by
Standing Committee
Conveners.

(L. to R.)

Effie Post,
Pat Palmer,
Dorothy Robson,
Marion Tufford.



Presentation at District Annual

Miss Bonnie Nelson,
Rural Organization
Specialist, was
presented a gift
in honour of her
upcoming marriage
at the Elgin West
District Annual
May 13th, 1987.



Bonnie is displaying
her gift of a glass
pitcher. She also
received a pair of
candle holders.

On August 24th, 1987, a farewell reception was held at
the Old Schoolhouse Tearoom in Shedden to honour Bonnie
Nelson and her husband Joe O'Neill, who were married
in July. Bonnie came to St. Thomas in 1980 and has been
very active in 4-H and W.I. circles. Joe has been 4-H
activity co-ordinator for the Province.

Bonnie and Joe are retiring from public life to run
the O'Neill Family farm in the Kingston area - north
of Napanee.

WALLACETOWN W.I. CELEBRATES

75th ANNIVERSARY

The Wallacetown Women's Institute had a pot luck dinner in the Community Hall on Thursday, July 9th, 1987 to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. A good number sat down to a bountiful meal. Guests included our twin Institute Sparta, members of the West Elgin executive - Helen Beecroft, Eleanor McMillan, Marge Cowell, friends and members husbands.

Sally McIntyre started the program with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Louie Lackey played her guitar and sang two songs, "I am too old to Die Young", and "This Land is Your Land." Louie led in a sing song, accompanied on the piano by Laura McIntyre and Cheryl Vanderploeg.

The guest speaker, Leta West, was introduced by Gertrude Sloan. She showed slides and spoke on "Dunwich Twonship, Then and Now."



*Officers: Sally M^cIntyre (President.)
Gertrude Sloan (1st Vice President)
Connie Dieleman (Past President)
Lillian Lunn (2nd Vice President)
Dorothea Jewell - (Sec. Treasurer)*

WEST ELGIN DAFFODIL TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

The Wallacetown Community Hall was the setting for the West Elgin Daffodil Tea and Coffee Break on Wednesday, September 9th, 1987 with Wallacetown W. I. as the hostess.

Receiving the many guests was Mrs. Sally McIntyre, president of Elgin West. Attending the register was Mrs. Gertrude Sloan in the morning and Mrs. Jean Morrison in the afternoon.

Pouring tea were; Mrs. Helen Saunders, Mrs. Lois Carroll, Mrs. Beth Vicary and Mrs. Margaret Moore.

Mrs. Norma McMillan was in charge of the draw. The quilt made and donated by the Fingal Quilters was won by Mr. Ralph Wilson, London; afghan made by Mrs. Effie Post was won by Mrs. Alma McIntosh, Dutton; afghan made by Mrs. Rosina Becker won by Mrs. Kay Begg, St. Thomas.

A painting, donated by Myron Angus, was won by Mrs. Margaret Palmer, River Road, W.I.

Two boxes of groceries, donated by Wallacetown W.I. were won by Mrs. Irene Auckland, Talbotville and Mrs. Margaret Carroll, Middlemarch.



Lois Carroll

Helen Saunders

Daffodil Tea

Norma M^cMullan
selling tickets on
three prizes -
Quilt and two
afghans.



Bake Table



Registrars Jean Morrison,
for tea → Gertrude Sloan,
President - Sally M^cIntyre
of Wallaceton
(Host Branch)



London Area Tweedsmuir History Workshop

It was held at Mount Elgin on August 11, 1987. There were 92 people present. Coffee and muffins were served by Mount Elgin W. I. Kay Ross acted as chairman. Term of office for curator has been shortened to 4 years. The minutes were read and financial report showed \$ 44.94 in bank.

The workshop will be held next year on the second Tuesday in August 1988 at Huron South location. Displays and talks were given by the Oxford Geneological Society, Norwich and District Historical Society, Beachville Museum and the South Norwich Historical Society.

The London Area Tweedsmuir Committee is Kay Ross, Viola Pilkington, Gertrude Sloan and Beth Vicary.

Six house logs from Elgin West were displayed, and six prizes received. Next year's display to be house logs started after August 11, 1987. Seven curators attended from Elgin West.

Prepared by Beth Vicary.

Winter Picnic held in Iona

The first picnic of 1988 was held at Iona Hall, Monday Jan. 11th, when the 14 branches of Women's Institute, Elgin West District attended their annual Winter Picnic -- a pot-luck supper and entertainment. Iona Station and Iona branches hosted the evening.

Pres. Mrs. Sally McIntyre introduced special guests: Elgin Past Pres., Pauline Lindsay, Oxford South; Pres. Mrs. Linda Hammond and Elgin Rally Pres. Mrs. Sylvia Cerna. Each brought greetings from their groups. Miss Valerie Clark, Rural Organization Specialist, spoke of projects being considered in the ministry office.

For the program, each branch presented a short skit, song or talk on the theme "The Winter Olympics".

Miss Toni Merks of Dutton, was a special guest being one of the fortunate few chosen as torch-bearer. Toni, wearing her official track suit, told of her feelings the day she carried the Olympic flame. Her presence added an unique touch to an evening of fun and entertainment.



West Lorne Skit
(L.to R.) Leola Lawrence, Mary Lippold, Shirley Walker.