



Hilde G. Morden, wife of Earl Morden and mother of five children was born in 1932 in Windsor. Her early education included attending Business College and as she gave of herself to community endeavours she completed courses in Human Resources, Communications and Museum Studies. Her work experiences included H.J. Heinz Co., Leamington, Aldborough Township Office, Social Services director for Aldborough Township as well as Secretary Treasurer for Pork-Land Farms which is the name of the family farm operation.

Hilde Morden has been an active Womens Institute member for 24 years and has held many Institute positions which include: Branch - Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, P.R.O. & Convenerships; District - Secretary-Treasurer & Convenerships; County Rally - P.R.O.; Area - 2nd Vice-President; FWIO - Secretary-Treasurer, Erland Lee (Museum) Home Sec.-Treas.; FWIC - Recording Secretary - 1985 Convention; ACWW - Contributing member.

As well Hilde has been active with the Kintyre W.M.S. and vice-president of London Presbyterial. She has served on many committees throughout southern Ontario, some of these are: Adviser to Neighbour Network Group, Adviser to Swine Conference, Ridgetown, Adviser to Women for the Support of Agriculture, founding member of Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame, Milton, and member of Institute of Cultural Affairs.

Her gifts to her community were further recognized when she received the Ontario Bicentennial Medal from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

On May 11, 1990, institute members of Elgin West were pleased to welcome 32 members of North Yorkshire East Federation of Womens Institute England, when they arrived at Wallacetown Hall. The English visitors were billeted for two days with local members before they continued their 16 day sightseeing tour of Ontario and Quebec. Following a reception and dinner a varied programme was held.



Top photo:

English visitors as well as President Sally McIntyre and Eleanor McMillan welcome visitors as they examine exhibits of local crafts on display at the hall.



Middle & botton photos:

English Institute members stood to sing for their Elgin West hosts.



West Elgin Resident Receives W.I. Award

West Elgin County resident Judy Woolner has won the Elgin County Federated Women's Institute (ECWI) Scholarship.

Betty Van Patter, chairman of ECWI said the \$250.00 scholarship is awarded annually for 4 H Club activities, community and church involvement and academic achievement. She said the scholarship is not necessarily awarded to the top student.

The ECWI has been awarding this scholarship since the early 1960's.

You must complete secondary school and be going on to post secondary school to be eligible for the award.

Miss Woolner is going into her second year of an agricultural economics course at the University of Guelph. She is currently working on her 23rd 4 H project, which is a field crop and beef project.



Daffodil Auxiliary Tea Hosted By
Iona Station W.I.

The Iona Station Women's Institute hosted the annual Daffodil Auxiliary Tea on October 4th in Iona Station Baptist Church.

Elgin West District Women's Institutes sponsored this event. Each group had representatives manning the various tables and serving the guests.

Two members of the Iona Station W.I. donated an article for the draw of the day. Mrs. Marj Cowal donated a doily won by Mrs. Willa Johnston of Wardsville and Mrs. Emma Pyatt's gift was an apron won by Barbara Botden of Shedden.

Once again, the Fingal Quilters donated a quilt, won by Carlie Creed of London. The afghan and cushion, made and donated by Mrs. Madeline Farthing, were won by Jim Homuth of Timmins.

Cheer and comfort will be brought to many cancer patients and their families because of the support given this event.





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The Iona Branch of the Women's Institute of Ontario was organized June 16, 1909.

It was the second oldest Institute in West Elgin District. Twelve ladies joined, thus becoming Charter members. This meeting was held in the Disciple Baptist Church., which had closed to services in 1908 and later became the Community Hall. For many years the Institute had a representative on the hall board and worked very closely with the all male board of trustees. The men took care of the hall, supplying man hours. The ladies raised the money with suppers, card parties, baking, quilting, etc., as well as sponsoring the well-known Iona Garden Party for many years. They would donate the amount needed to cover the expenses of the hall to the board.

In the 1950's, it became difficult to get men to act as trustees, and women were elected to the board. As it turned out, the women on the board were also Women's Institute members, all interested in the community. Then in April 1958, it was recorded, "that only three men were present at the Annual Hall meeting", and a motion was made that the women of the Institute assume management of the Hall if it could be arranged. In April 1959, four trustees from the Institute membership were named, and from that time until Nov. 1978, the ladies carried the load. In 1978, with dwindling membership, the members decided they could no longer handle the burden. They called a public meeting and turned the hall responsibilities back to the community. During this period of time, and previous to 1959, many thousands of dollars were raised by the ladies with help from the men, when needed, and spent on the hall towards upkeep and community activities for the use and enjoyment of those in the community and surrounding area. In 1989, with membership still declining, the Iona Institute disbanded, after being active in Iona for 80 years.

Kitty McAlpine, President.

Margaret McAlpine, Secretary-Treasurer
for 1988/89



The Tweedsmuir books of Iona W.I. being presented to Shedden Library staff member, Joyce Boughner, by Dorothea Jewell, Secretary-Treasurer and Eleanor McMillan, President

District Directors being ratified by Provincial Board Director, Mrs. Jack Walther, at Annual Meeting.

Left to right:

Mrs. Liepman
Mrs. Sloan
Mrs. Silcox
Mrs. Pearce
Mrs. Veenstra
Mrs. Larson



Mrs. Zeegers
Mrs. Pyatt
Mrs. McCallum
Mrs. Campbell
Mrs. Woolner
Mrs. McLean
Board member Mrs. Walther





ELGIN WEST District WOMEN'S institute
82cd ANNUAL MEETING
 FOUNDED IN ONTARIO --1897
 FOR HOME AND COUNTRY
 SHEDDEN UNITED CHURCH
 SHEDDEN
WEDNESDAY , MAY 16, 1990
6:30 p.m. D.S.T.
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 SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE- HOSTESS

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