

#### 4-H HOMEMAKING CLUBS OF LYONS

Homemaking Clubs were initiated in Ontario by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. In 1923 Garment Making Clubs were introduced. By 1936 the Homemaking Club Program was much the same as it is today. The earliest records for Elgin Co. show that in that year 33 members completed "Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed" and 14 completed "Dressing Up Home Grown Vegetables".

Lyons Women's Institute sponsored their first Homemaking Club "The Garden Club" in the spring of 1949 under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil Baxter with Mary (Bagnall) Pearson assisting. Between the years 1949 and 1952 they led three Garden Clubs, and The Cereal Shelf, Mrs. Earl Bagnall led Clothes Closets Up To Date, Working With Wool, and Sleeping Garments.

Girls participating in these clubs were:

Mary Pearson	Janet Bagnall	Phyllis Baxter	Donna Martin
Peggy Franklin	Frances Barlow	Evelyn Bye	Anne Smith
Geraldine Brackenbury	Betty Burgess	Betty Farrow	Anita Farrow
Marilyn Killough	Elaine Killough		

Beginning in 1953 records of all clubs, leaders, and members have been recorded at the Home Economist's office in St. Thomas. The following information was obtained there.

YEAR	LEADER AND CLUB	MEMBERS
1953	Mrs. Earl Bagnall - Club Girl Entertains	Eleanor McKnight Anne Smith Etje Van Lingen Lois Martin Evelyn Thompson Donna Martin Shirley Anne Franklin Kathleen Stover Janet Bagnall Beverley Irish Laurel Durling Geraldine Brackenbury
1953	Mrs. Earl Bagnall - Garden Club	Lois Martin Beverly Irish Eleanor McKnight Anne Smith Shirley Anne Franklin
1954	Mrs. Don Irish - What Shall I Wear?	Beverly Irish Anne Smith Dorothy Empey Shirley Empey Lois Martin Shirley Anne Franklin
1954	Mrs. Earl Bagnall - Garden Club	Eleanor McKnight Anne Smith Kathryn Martin Mae Carter Beverly Irish Lois Martin Shirley Anne Franklin Judy Wray
1955	Mrs. R. A. Smith - Gardeners	Sharon Ferguson Shirley Evert Dorothy Charlton Lynn Franklin Kathryn Martin Shirley Pake Beverly Irish Mae Carter Lois Martin Anne Smith Shirley Anne Franklin
1956	Mrs. R. A. Smith - The Supper Club	Ruth Anne Ashford Eleanor Stover Ruth Shackleton Lynn Franklin Sharon Ferguson Kathryn Martin Beverly Irish Shirley Pake Shirley Pakes Anne Pake Shirley Anne Franklin

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1957	Mrs. Freeman Parker -Accessories For The Bedroom	Mary Ruth Widner Lynn Franklin Ruth Anne Stover Kathryn Martin Beverly Irish Lois Martin Kathleen Stover Janice Parker Shirley Anne Franklin
1957	Mrs. Don Irish - The Milky Way	Mary Ruth Widner Lynn Franklin Kathryn Martin Janice Parker Beverly Irish Shirley Anne Franklin
As far as the records show there were no clubs during the years 1958- 1964		
1965	Mrs. Lloyd George - Being Well Dressed And Well Groomed	Mary Lynn Brooks Mary Charlton Lynn Franklin Marilyn Goble Sharon Shackleton Marie George Laura Shackleton Mary McCallum Rosemary Shepherd Vicky Summers Maria Van de Hoef
1965	Mrs. Don. Irish -The Milky Way	Mary Lynn Brooks Lynda Church Dorothy Fenn Marie George Marilyn Goble Mary McCallum Sharon Shackleton Sally Pasma Maria Van De Hoef Vicky Summers
1966	Mrs. Clarence McCallum - Clothes Closets Up To Date	Barbara De Visscher Dorothy Fenn Mrs. Lynn Humphrey Marie George Mary Humphrey Mary McCallum Sharon Shackleton Marie Van De Hoef
1966	Mrs. Lloyd George - Working With Wool	Sharon Shackleton Dorothy Fenn Mary McCallum Marie George Maria Van De Hoef
1966	Mrs. Don Irish - Club Girl Entertains	Margaret Burks Marilyn Goble Mrs. Lynn Humphrey Marie George Barbara De Visscher Dorothy Fenn Mary McCallum Vicky Summers Maria Van De Hoef Sharon Shackleton
1967	Mrs. Richard Fenn -Use Of Vegetables	Margaret Burks Dorothy Fenn Maria Van De Hoef Mary McCallum Barbara De Visscher
1967	Mrs. Wm. Humphrey - Accent On Accessories	Barbara De Visscher Dorothy Fenn Lucille Fenn Maria Van De Hoef Mary McCallum
1968	Mrs. C. McCallum - Sleeping Garments	Sharon Shackleton Pat Booy Dianne Foster Mary McCallum Maria Van De Hoef Anne Stevens
1968	Mrs. C. McCallum - Meat In The Menu	Barbara De Visscher Anne Stevens Dianne Jeffery Mary McCallum Maria Van De Hoef Sharon Shackleton
1968	Mrs. C. McCallum - A World Of Food In Canada	Barbara De Visscher Anne Stevens Maria Van De Hoef Mary McCallum Sharon Shackleton

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1969	Mrs. Sander Van De Hoef - Home Beautification	Pat Booy Nancy McCallum Maria Van De Hoef Mary McCallum
1969	Mrs. Don Irish - Focus On Fitness	Margaret Burks Pat Booy Diane Foster Joan Irish Nancy McCallum Anne Stevens Maria Van De Hoef
1969	Mrs. Sander Van De Hoef - Needlecraft	Marianne DeKraker Pat Booy Dianne Foster Sherri Kyle Nancy McCallum Mary McCallum Maria Van De Hoef Anne Stevens Eleanor VanRooijen
1970	Mrs. Sander VandeHoef - Featuring Fruit	Marianne DeKraker Pat Booy Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Joyce McCallum Pat Jacklin Nancy McCallum Mary McCallum Maria VandeHoef Anne Stevens Eleanor VanRooijen Lori Webber
1971	Mrs. Clarence McCallum - The Jacket Dress	Cathy Johnston Pat Jacklin Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Nancy McCallum Mary McCallum Maria VandeHoef Anne Stevens Eleanor VanRooijen Lori Webber
1971	Miss Maria VandeHoef - Accessories For The Bedroom	Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Maria VandeHoef
1971	Mrs. Clarence McCallum - Accessories For The Bedroom	Cathy Johnston Joan Danis Nancy McCallum Mary McCallum Heather Putnam Lori Webber Eleanor VanRooijen
1972	Mrs. Clarence McCallum - Dairy Fare	Marjorie Dykxhoorn Joan Danis Nancy McCallum Mary McCallum Heather Putnam
1972	Miss Maria VandeHoef - Dairy Fare	Marianne DeKraker Pat Jacklin Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Maria VandeHoef
1972	Mrs. Joe Webber - Dairy Fare	Cathy Johnston Sherri Brooks Margaret Johnston Joyce McCallum Eleanor VanRooijen Mary Pettit Teresa Watters Lori Webber
1972	Miss Maria VandeHoef - The Cereal Shelf	Marjorie Dykxhoorn Karen Jacklin Patricia Jacklin Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Nancy McCallum
1972	Mrs. Joe Webber - The Cereal Shelf	Cathy Baxter Sherri Brooks Cathy Johnston Margaret Johnston Mary Jane Stover Teresa Watters Eleanor VanRooijen Lori Webber Dianne Coleman Laurie McNeil

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1973	Mrs. Joe Webber Miss Donna Jacques - Sportswear From Knits	Cathy Baxter Cathy Johnston Lori Webber Louise Webber Eleanor VanRooijen Dianne Coleman Margaret Johnston Mary Jane Stover Teresa Watters
1973	Miss Maria VandeHoef Mrs. Fred Forrest - Creative Block Printing	Teresa DeKraker Marjorie Dykxhoorn Karen Jacklin Patsy Jacklin Ida Kaastra Bonnie Kyle Sherri Kyle Nancy McCallum
1973	Mrs. Joe Webber Miss Lori Webber - Creative Block Printing	Cathy Baxter Dianne Coleman Cindy Hooker Laurie McNeil Teresa Watters Lori Webber Louise Webber
1974	Miss Maria VandeHoef Miss Patsy Jacklin - The Club Girl Entertains	Teresa DeKraker Marjorie Dykxhoorn Karen Jacklin Patsy Jacklin Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Sherri Kyle Nancy McCallum
1974	Mrs. Fred Forrest Miss Patsy Jacklin - A World Of Food In Canada	Marjorie Dykxhoorn Dianne Foster Karen Jacklin Patsy Jacklin Ida Kaastra Ena Kaastra Sherri Kyle
1975	Miss Maria VandeHoef Miss Diane Foster - <del>Touch</del> Of Harmony	Diane Foster Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Marjorie Dykxhoorn Doreen MacIntyre Nancy McCallum
1975	Mrs. Joe Webber Miss Lori Webber - A Touch Of Harmony	Jackie Prothero Teresa Watters Lori Webber Louise Webber
1975	Miss Maria VandeHoef - Let's Bake Bread	Diane Foster Brenda Jacklin Patsy Jacklin Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Sherri Kyle Marianne DeKraker Teresa DeKraker Marjorie Dykxhoorn Nancy McCallum Charlene Pettit Eleanor VanRooijen
1976	Mrs. Fred Forrest Miss Maria VandeHoef - Clothes For Leisure	Cathy Colley Betty Kaastra Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Nelly Smit Betty DeKraker Marjorie Dykxhoorn Nancy McCallum Charlene Pettit Lori Webber Louise Webber
1976	Miss Nancy McCallum Mrs. Maria Smit - Taking A Look At Yourself	Betty Kaastra Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Marjorie Dykxhoorn Nancy McCallum
1977	Mrs. Karen Phillips Miss Nancy McCallum - The Third Meal	Betty Kaastra Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Marjorie Dykxhoorn Nancy McCallum
1977	Mrs. Cecil Baxter Mrs. Clarence McCallum - Focus On Living	Betty Kaastra Ena Kaastra Ida Kaastra Nell Kaastra Janice McCallum Nancy McCallum



# Eighty Girls Attend Annual Achievement Day in Aylmer



Mrs. Earl Bagnall, President of the East Elgin Women's Institute, is presenting County Honours to these girls for successfully completing six clubs. The three center girls are from Lyons, viz: Beverley Irish, Lois Martin, and Shirley Anne Franklin.

The CANADIAN COUNTRYMAN AWARD in 1950 was awarded to

Phyllis Baxter of the Lyons' Garden Club. As winners, 50 Garden Club girls spent the week between Christmas and New Years at the O.A.C. Guelph.

They were given a special course in flower and vegetable growing.

THIS is the whimsical little poem which adorns a front page in the very smart and original Garden Club Record Book compiled by Phyllis Baxter, of Springfield, Ont., and, somehow, those light-hearted little lines seem to epitomize the spirit of joyous gayety, combined with good solid knowledge and observant understanding, which permeates all the gardening experiences,

### THE GARDENER'S FRIEND

"With his warty skin  
And goggly eyes,  
A frog would take  
No beauty prize.

"But 'handsome is  
As handsome does',  
Just let him hear  
An insect's buzz!

"And zip! That insect  
Meets his end!  
A hop toad is  
The gardener's friend!"

Since we have already quoted Phyllis Baxter's gay bit of poetry, I think we must tell you about her first of all! She is a member of the Gay Gardenettes Club of Lyons, sixteen years old, and the choice of her Home Economist, Miss Doreen Kelly, for the Countryman Award in East Elgin. Phyllis' Record Book is one of the most artistically done which I have yet seen, illustrated throughout with very clever and witty cartoon drawings which show great promise. The amusing series, "My Gallery of Garden Gangsters," is particularly smart and unique, and demonstrates genuine talent along these lines.



# Township of South Dorchester

Population --- 1,376.

Area --- 25,000 Acres.

2 Railroads:

C. P. R. ----- M. C. R.

3 MUNICIPALITIES.

*Dairying and Mixed Farming a Feature in This Township*

*Tobacco Successfully Grown.*

*A School System of A I Class.*

*Good Roads Connecting All Provincial Highways*

*A Real Township for Real People.*

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M. S. CHARLTON,  
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