



North Yarmouth Women's Institute
Bus Trip
To Toronto September 1940

Front Row: Edith Williams
Jean Baker
Velma Williams
Gretta Matthews

Second Row: Mrs. Blanche Curtis
Mrs. Margaret Copeland
Mrs. Alfred Gloin
Miss Mildred Cheeseman
Mrs. Granville Gloin
Mrs. Charles Ryckman
Miss Irene Cooke
Miss Gladys Martin
Mrs. Ralph Heyden
Mrs. Murray Harris
Mrs. Thomas Soper

Third Row: Mrs. Cyril Williams
Miss Mary Paddon
Miss Catherine McIntyre
Mrs. Archie Ronson
Mrs. W.E. Locke

New Glen Women's Institute Has 21 Members

Twenty-one women in the district of the Glen School, North Yarmouth, met at the school on Thursday to begin a new branch of the Women's Institute which will be known as the Yarmouth Glen Branch.

Mrs. Earl Bagnall, a provincial board member of the Women's Institute, and Mrs. Reginald Young, East Elgin president, attended the meeting. Mrs. Bagnall organized and installed the officers of the group. She expressed pleasure at seeing this sixteenth branch of the institute formed in East Elgin. Mrs. Young read the installation ceremony. Mrs. Bagnall also informed the officers of the duties of each office.

The regular meetings will be held in the homes of the members on the second Thursday of each month at 8.15 in the evening.

All but three of the 21 charter members are new to W. I. work. The others, Mrs. John Penhale, Mrs. Donald McGregor and Mrs. Clifford Hiepleh, were members of North Yarmouth W.I., and were responsible for the organizing of the new branch.

The officers of the new Glen W. I. are: President, Mrs. John Penhale; first vice-president, Mrs. Julien Martin; second vice-president, Mrs. William Grawburg; third vice-president, Mrs. Calvin Watson; secretary, Mrs. Donald McGregor; assistant secretary, Mrs. Stanley Curtis; treasurer, Mrs. Ferguson Campbell; district director, Mrs. Carl Fishback; alternate district director, Mrs. Lawrence Bechard; branch directors,

Mrs. Clifford Hiepleh, Mrs. Jo Bechard and Mrs. Russell McCallum.

Standing committees: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Harold Davis; home economics and health, Mrs. Earl Grawburg; historical research and current events, Mrs. Keith Davis; citizenship and education, Mrs. Calvin Watson; resolutions, Mrs. Stewart Munroe; Public relations, Mrs. Stewart Munroe; card convener, Mrs. Lawrence Chase.

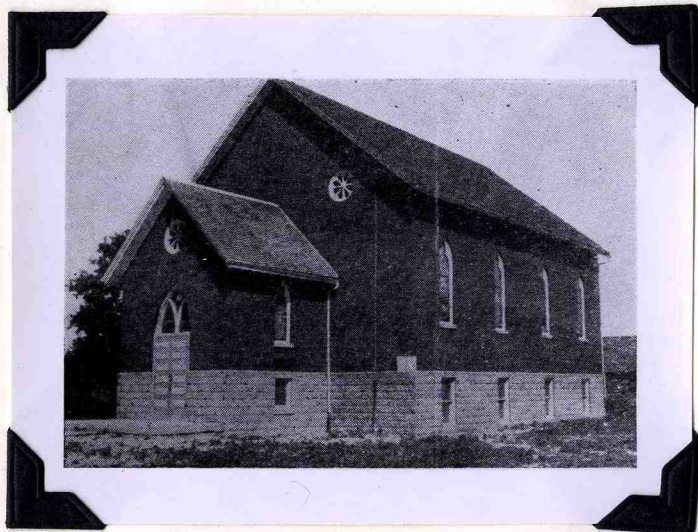
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Officers of the Yarmouth Glen Women's Institute organized

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Mrs. John C. Penhale,-President, Mrs. Earl Bagnall and
Mrs. Reginald Young,-Installing officers, Mrs. Ferguson
Campbell,-Treasurer and Mrs. Donald McGregor,-Secretary



THE YARMOUTH CENTRE UNITED CHURCH, - originally a frame building situated a few rods north of Talbot Road, on the side road leading to the Yarmouth Crossing. In 1883 it was moved the short distance to the corner and covered with white brick. Then in 1923 it was again moved to Yarmouth Centre, rebricked with red brick and modernized, replacing a large old frame hotel which had been on the property many years.

THE YARMOUTH CENTRE CHURCH

The Yarmouth Centre United Church, formerly a Methodist charge, and its work dates back more than a century, the first record being in 1836 though it is not known if that was the beginning. At that time it belonged to the St. Thomas circuit which embraced Sparta, Port Stanley, Union and Townline Appointments and some of the early clergy in charge were Mr. Ames, W.W. Clarke, Lewis Warner and J. Herbert Star. At the conclusion of the latter's pastorate in 1871 the country charges were detached and Yarmouth was constituted a circuit at a conference held in Belleville. This circuit included Talbot Street church (Yarmouth Centre had not yet been named), Townline, Salt Creek, the site of which is now marked only by a little cemetery in North Yarmouth and Legg's appointment in Westminster township. Rev. Thomas Hadwin was the minister in charge of this group and he resided in the house now occupied by Mr. Crawford at Yarmouth Centre.

The church at this time was a frame building situated a few rods north of the Talbot Road on the side road leading to the Yarmouth Crossing. The next pastor was Rev. Geo. Madden and it was during his ministry in 1873 that the first Sunday School was organized with Mr. Donald McIntyre, (father of Miss Kate McIntyre) the first Superintendent and was followed later by Mr. George Newcombe for whom with his wife one of the beautiful memorial windows in the present church graces their memory.

In 1875 at a conference held in Brantford the circuit was again changed to Sparta at which place the minister was to be in residence and other charges included Orwell, Salt Creek and Port Bruce.

In 1883 the congregation decided their house of worship should be improved. The location was not ideal so they moved it to the corner of the Talbot Road. There it was covered with white brick, stained glass windows added and a choir gallery was made at the front. In the old church the choir had occupied one of the corners nearest the doors. It was about this time that the first Ladies' Aid was organized with Mrs. Newcombe president and Mrs. W. Heyden, secretary. One of the first pieces of work accomplished by this group was the making of cushions for the seats.

By 1883 the circuit had only three appointments and it is interesting to study the financial problems. There was no minimum salary for ministers and the board decided what they would pay. At that time Rev. Joseph Philp had charge and the three charges together paid \$760.25 arrived at as follows- Salary \$300. Board \$250., Fuel \$50., Horse keep \$60., Travelling expense \$10., Moving expense \$21.60 Children's allowance \$66.65 and incidentals \$2. Of this

Sparta paid \$368., Yarmouth Centre \$282. and Orwell \$110.25 but it was not 'till 1886 that a record book was kept where individual givings of each family was recorded. Up to this time financing was managed by the loose collections and each class leader made returns each quarter. In 1891 the first annual statements were printed and distributed among the contributors.

As the charge became stronger the feeling grew that more efficient work could be accomplished if Yarmouth Centre were a circuit so in 1909 a parsonage was built and they severed their connection with Sparta and with Orwell became a new charge with R.J. McCormick as pastor.

A few years later some of the members got a vision of the church occupying the present site but great were the difficulties for a large old frame hotel was on the desired location but with the determination that characterized the workers of that time, they bought the property, cleared it of buildings, moved the church frame with roof intact, placed it on a basement, re-bricked with red brick and eventually had the present, modern church. During this strenuous period, Rev. Leonard Bartlett was the pastor and much of the success was due to his untiring efforts. Harvey Fishbach was general building supervisor and most of the work was done by volunteer labor. The corner stone was laid June 27, 1923 by Rev. R.J. McCormick.

Through the years some of the great workers who have given of their best have been the Marlatt's who particularly contributed to the music, the Sanders, Newcomes, Smalls, Ross, Mills, McGinnis, Taylors, Westlakes, Blewetts, Shepherds, McIntyres, ^Huntleys, Wadlands, Gloins, Silas Penhale and many others. And to-day many are doing much to safe-guard the work of the church in this community. At least two of its young men, George Blewett and Joseph Clarke have become ordained ministers.

(Miss) Myrtle M. Paddon.

April 2, 1946.

YARMOUTH CENTRE CHURCH

The Centennial Anniversary of Yarmouth Centre United Church was celebrated, Sunday October 20, 1957,--and the following was added to the original history.

In 1931 the members of Crosley-Hunter are first registered on the membership roll, the Crosley-Hunter congregation being a part of the Yarmouth Centre circuit.

In 1936, the building of a new parsonage was discussed and an estimated cost given at \$4,000.00 for completion except "walks, fixtures and drain." A year later a vote was taken by ballot showing 18 votes for a new parsonage and 33 against. Extensive repairs and modernization was undertaken which, along with masonry repairs at the church, cost \$941.37.

Another change in pastoral boundaries took place in 1944 when Crosley-Hunter congregation withdrew and in 1945 a resolution was adopted favoring the connecting of Yarmouth Centre with the Talbotville charge "in view of the inability to raise the minimum salary of \$1,800.00 for minister." At this time it was decided to have a morning service at Talbotville, afternoon at Townline, and evening at Yarmouth Centre, with the minister residing at Yarmouth Centre. Then again, in 1954, in answer to a plea from the Board of Home Missions to make full use of parsonage accommodation, Yarmouth Centre and Townline joined with the Homedale congregation in St. Thomas.

Many changes have taken place on the church property

since locating the building at its present site in 1923. In 1947 the church shed was disposed of and the barn at the parsonage remodelled to make a double garage. In 1949 major repairs were made to the church roof and the choir loft was redesigned. In 1950 the church lawn was levelled and seeded and a power lawn-mower purchased. In 1955 an electric organ was installed in memory of those who served in World wars I and II, and "in memory of Mrs. A. Westlake and other friends of the congregation." In 1957 the pews were removed, the floor of the auditorium sanded and refinished, new carpet laid in the aisles and on the platform, the pews put back in place and all the wood-work varnished.

Two young men have been ordained to the ministry from this congregation--George John Blewett, son of William and Mary Blewett, ordained in the late 1890's, and Joseph Vernal Clark, son of Charles and Minnie Clark, ordained in 1941.

The many ministers who have served at Yarmouth Centre are: Before 1871--Messrs. Ames, W. W. Clarke, Lewis Warner, J. Herbert Starr, with no record of the exact years of service.

1871 -- Thomas Hadwin	1909 -- R. J. McCormick
1873 -- George C. Madden	1912 -- Wm. Conway
1875 -- J. H. Stonehouse	1914 -- Thomas J. Snowden
1877 -- James Charlton	1916 -- Joseph W. Pring
1880 -- John Saunders	1921 -- Leonard Bartlett
1883 -- Joseph Philp	1924 -- Henry Godfrey
1885 -- Joseph Ward	1929 -- W. A. Findaly
1888 -- George Jackson	1931 -- David Armstrong
1889 -- John Russell	1935 -- Anson C. Moorehouse