

TWEEDSMUIR VILLAGE HISTORY OF SHEDDEN

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Compiled by Shedden Women's Institute

Year 1948

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COMMITTEE

Mrs. Arthur McIntrye -- Convenor
Miss Eva Morrison
Mrs. C. E. Moore
Mrs. Frank Trace
Mrs. Clarence Orchard
Mrs. A. A. Silcox
Mrs. Geoffrey O'Hara
Mrs. W. H. Turner
Mrs. A. E. Orchard

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THE SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Compiled by Miss Eva Morrison

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Organized May 31-1913

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A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle, bright
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Or dims the radiant light,
No unkind word our lips shall pass
No envy sour the mind
But each shall seek the common will
The good of all mankind.

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Miss Margaret McKenzie, Principal of the Public School, invited all the ladies of the community to the school house on the above date to meet Mrs. Wray of Rodney, the district president for West-Elgin, and Dr. Amie Backus of Aylmer, a speaker for the Department.

The Branch was organized with:

President	-----	Mrs. W. Guest
Vice-President	-----	Mrs. J. A. Orchard
Secretary-Treasurer	-----	Mrs. F. Trace
Directors	-----	Mrs. C. Pettit
	-----	Mrs. Dan Hamilton
	-----	Miss M. McKenzie
Auditors	-----	Mrs. D. Russell
	-----	Mrs. M. White

1948

An Outdoor Meeting



Front Row L. to R. MRS CLAYTON SILEOX

" JEFF O'HARA

" LYNN STAFFORD

SECOND ROW -

" MACK MC CORMICK

" PERCY GOSNELL

" WESS. ROSS

" MARY MCINTYRE

" NANCY WHITE

" HERB McFARLANE

BACK ROW -

" KATHRYN. Hunchill

MRS L. McLEAN

NOT SHOWN

SECT. MISS. GRACE MC CORMICK

" JACK MCINTYRE

" CHAS. MOORE

MISS. ISABELL CAMPBELL

MRS MARY CAMPBELL

MISS. MARGARET MCINTYRE

PRES. & PHOTOGRAPHER -

MRS. E. L. BAKER

The first year there was a question box at every meeting; the questions were answered by the President.

We had a picnic, and served meals at Shedden Fair.

During the First World War, all the war work done in Shedden was under the auspices of the Women's Institute; money was raised by grant from council, donations, serving meals, and having booths at Shedden Fairs, and an ice-cream parlor in the village. Hundreds of knitted articles and clothing were made by W. I. members and women of the community.

A Patriotic Association was organized under the Red Cross in Shedden at the first of the Second World War, this organization took charge of all the work, the Women's Institute contributed money to buy supplies.

In 1921-1922 the W. I. gave \$100.00 towards improving the cemetery and a new fence; later they planted shrubs and a flower bed.

They assisted the library every year by donations of money to purchase new books.

In 1928 the W. I. had a small child treated in the Sick Children's Hospital for defective bone, and had an amateur play "Cramberry Corners" to help raise funds for the operation.

In 1916 we had our first Demonstration Lecture Course on Home Nursing and First Aid; later another nursing course, Domestic Science, Sewing, Nutrition under Local Leader classes, Buymanship; later years -- arranging of Furniture, Refinishing of Furniture; Craft -- Leather Glove Making; Conference -- Personality and Dress.

Through the years our W. I meetings have been a source of pleasure and profit to the members and visitors. We had talks and papers on a wide range of subjects, sometimes a speaker from the Department or a doctor or lawyer. But the talent brought out among our members is ever a source of wonder.

We also have fine musical numbers, interesting contests, and demonstrations. We have the school children sing at different times, since music is taught in the schools.

Other contributions were supplying sugar to neighbouring institutes making jam to be sent to England during World War 2. Also gave to relief funds for China and Europe. We have also packed boxes of food for England. This year we bought Baby Bonds for Children's Aid work. We attend the District Winter Picnic, and last year (1947) a large number of members went to Guelph for the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Women's Institute, not only for this province but for all the civilized world.

In 1938 we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our branch,

This year our May meeting is to take the form of observing the 35th year of our work here.

We often entertain neighbouring clubs and institutes and meet in a friendly way with other women and visit these in return.

To put on paper all our activities would be hard to do, but it is enough to say, that our organization has always stood for its motto "Home and Country."

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CHARTER MEMBERS OF SHEDDEN W. I.

Joined May 31 - 1913

Mrs. W. G. Eadey
Mrs. W. Guest
Miss Clara Horton
Mrs. Mary McArthur
Miss Eva Morrison
Miss Edith McGibbon
Mrs. A. E. Orchard
Mrs. D. Russell
Mrs. T. Tanner
Mrs. F. Trace
Mrs. M. White
Mrs. G. T. Hopkins

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LIST OF OFFICERS 1913 to 1948

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
1913 -- 14	Mrs. W. Guest	Mrs. F. Trace
1914 -- 15	Mrs. W. Guest	Mrs. F. Trace
1915 -- 16	Mrs. J. W. Brown	Mrs. F. Trace
1916 -- 17	Miss Lettie Sells	Miss G. Baird
1917 -- 18	Miss Lettie Sells	Miss E. Hamilton
1918 -- 19	Mrs. T. (Wude) Wride	Mrs. A. Silcox
1919 -- 20	Mrs. John Sells	Mrs. C. E. Moore
1920 -- 21	Mrs. M. White	Mrs. C. E. Moore
1921 -- 22	Mrs. M. White	Mrs. M. B. Stafford
1922 -- 23	Mrs. A. McIntyre	Miss E. Morrison
1923 -- 24	Mrs. F. Trace	Miss E. Morrison
1924 -- 25	Miss E. Hamilton	Mrs. A. E. Orchard
1925 -- 26	Mrs. (Wallis) Stafford Walter	Mrs. C. E. Moore

Another feature of W. I. work that is giving a good deal of satisfaction is the sponsoring of the Blue Cross Hospital Plan. Many members of the present 64 enrolled have availed themselves of this plan that has proved such a help for those entering the hospital and special benefits are being added shortly.



Mrs. John Sells

President. 1919-20

Mrs. Duncan Brown Stricken Saturday

Taken ill shortly before Christmas, Mrs. Duncan A. Brown, of Southwold Township, died on Saturday evening at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital. She was the wife of a noted breeder of Polled Shorthorns and widely known livestock auctioneer.

Mrs. Brown, who was born in Niagara Falls, Ont., a daughter of Mrs. Alberta Hodgkins and the late William Hodgkins, came to Southwold Township at the time of her marriage. The Brown home is on No. 3 Highway west of Shedden and is called Walnut Farm. Mrs. Brown was an active member of the Shedden Women's Institute and attended Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal.

Besides her husband and her mother, Mrs. Brown is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hazel Hodgkins, and one brother, William Hodgkins, both of Niagara Falls.

The remains are resting at the P. R. Williams and Son funeral home where the funeral service on Tuesday at two p.m. will be conducted by Rev. H. S. Rodney, of Knox Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. S. W. Hirtle, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal. Interment will be made in St. Thomas Cemetery.



Isabel Campbell receiving the Elgin County Women's Institute Centennial Scholarship from Mrs. R. H. McNeil, District President of East Elgin Women's Institutes.

1956



Our first W.I. president, Mrs. Wm. Guest (seated)
Mrs. M.B. Stafford (left), Mrs. N. Bawtenheimer (right),
 members of the W.I.
 Dr. John M. McDiarmid, Brandon, their brother

Lola Sells Baker,
president 1947-1948-1949



CONTINUING LIST OF OFFICERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
1926 --27	Mrs. A. E. Orchard	Mrs. C. E. Moore
1927 -- 28	Mrs. C. Hamilton	Mrs. C. E. Moore
1928 -- 29	Mrs. W. F. Moore	Mrs. A. Silcox
1929 -- 30	Mrs. G. O'Hara	Mrs. P. C. Sells
1930 -- 31	Mrs. L. Moore	Mrs. M. D. McCormick
1931 --32	Mrs. M. White	Mrs. M. D. McCormick
1932 -- 33	Miss E. Morrison	Mrs. M. D. McCormick
1933 -- 34	Miss E. Morrison	Mrs. L. Moore
1934 -- 35	Mrs. C. E. Moore	Mrs. C. R. Hamilton
1935 -- 36	Mrs. C. J. Orchard	Miss Eva Morrison
1936 -- 37	Mrs. C. J. Orchard	Miss Eva Morrison
1937 -- 38	Mrs. W. Ross	Mrs. L. Woods
1938 -- 39	Mrs. W. Ross	Miss M. Fulton
1939 -- 40	Mrs. Clayton Silcox	Miss Madeline Parks
1940 -- 41	Mrs. Geo. Silcox	Miss Madeline Parks
1941 -- 42	Mrs. Geo. Silcox	Mrs. G. McCormick
1942 -- 43	Mrs. R. Stevanson	Mrs. G. McCormick
1943 -- 44	Mrs. R. Stevanson	Mrs. C. Hamilton
1944 -- 45	Mrs. C. E. Moore	Miss E. Morrison
1945 -- 46	Miss G. McCormick	Miss E. Morrison
1946 -- 47	Miss G. McCormick	Mrs. Ed Down
1947 -- 48	Mrs. E. L. Baker	Mrs. Ed Down

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DISTRICT OFFICERS

Several from Shedden have served on the District
Officers: As President -- Miss Lettie Sells
Mrs. John H. Sells
1947 -- Mrs. George Silcox
1961 -- Mrs. E. S. Down 1961 - 63
As Secretary -- Miss Eva Morrison -- 1923 - 1937
Miss Grace McCormick -- 1932 - 1948
Mrs. Herbert Parks - 1960 - 1966



This is a group that presented a play when
the W.I. celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Back row, left to right:

Mrs. C. E. Moore, Mrs. Frank Trace, Mrs. Ernest Silcox,
Mrs. Geoff O'Hara, Mrs. W. F. Moore, Mrs. H. Killins,
Mrs. A. McIntyre, Mrs. Wesley Ross

Front row, left to right

Pauline Silcox, Mrs. E. C. Moore, James Hamilton.
Mrs. C. R. Hamilton (who wrote and directed the play.)
Miss Madeline Fulton.

May 25th, 1938.

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Another picture of "PLAY GROUP"
May 1938



Members of Shedden Home Town Teens
Homemakers' Club, sponsored by
Shedden Women's Institute, 1947-48.

Back Row:

Dorothy Irons, Marion Ayling, Hazel Koyl, Mary Ellen Carroll, JEAN
Mrs. G. Ayling (leader), Katherine Braddon, Marilyn Sells, M^cINTYRE,
Nancy Bogart, Shirley Henry.

Front Row

Katherine Beer, Barbara McLean, Marilyn Marr,
Joyce Stafford, Marion Kilmer