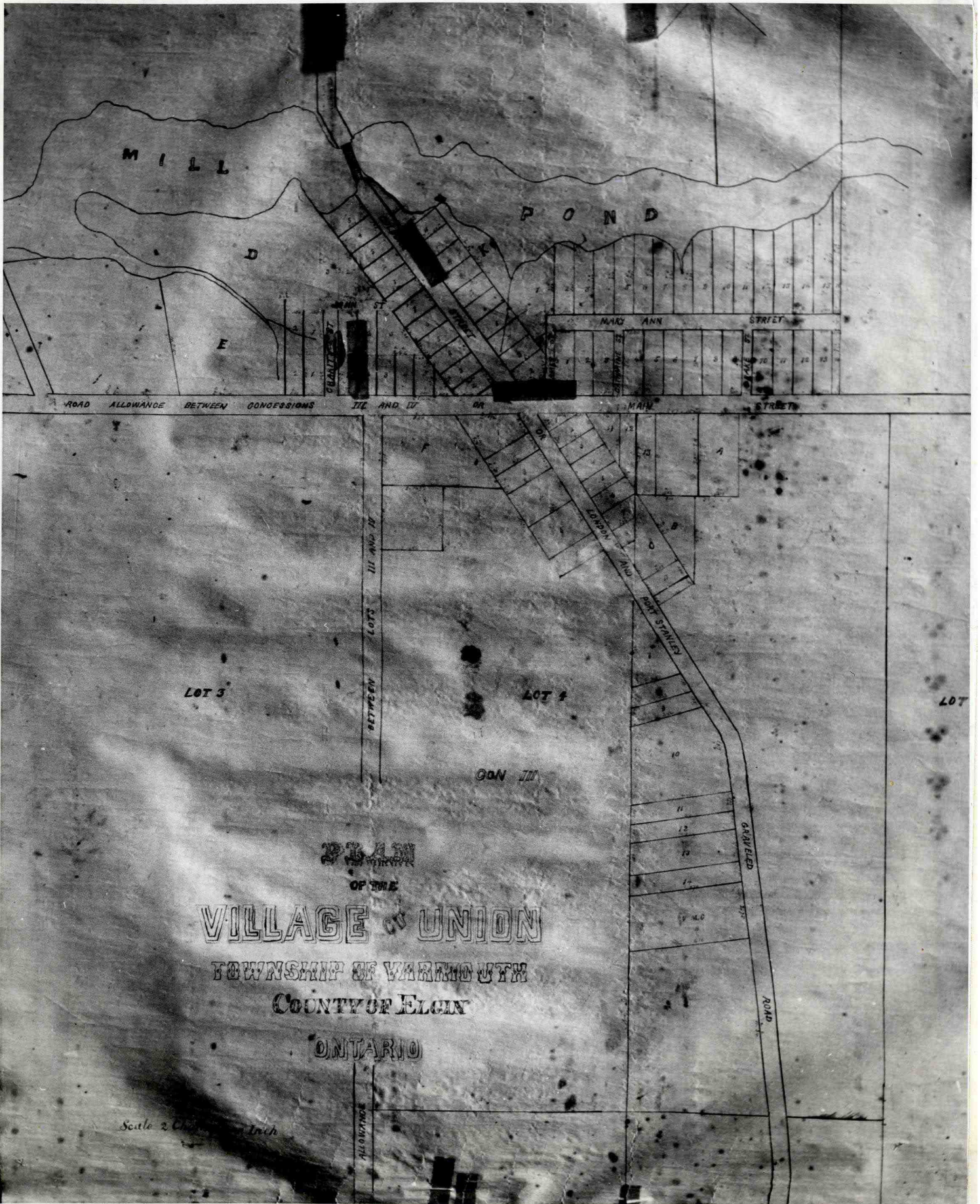


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Mini Conference Highlights Women's Institute Work.

October, 3 1974..

The Women's Institute Rally of Elgin County, gathered about 150, strong at 8. p. m. in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ont.. for a very informative Mini Conference, at the same time a , A. C. W. W. Perth Australia was being held with Women's Institute represitives from all over the world..

Each Women's Institute in East, & West Elgin had a country to represent, - India, Norway, Greece, Argentina, Belgium, Egypt, Zambia, Mauritius, Finland, Denmark, Mexico, Botswana, Holland, Greenland, Philippines, Tunisia, New Guinea, Iceland, Australia & Switzerland..

South Yarmouth Women's Institute had Switzerland the display was very well done by Mrs. Ollivier, & Mrs. Pearce..



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Miss Emma Mathison born Jan. 14, 1873, in Beechville Ont..  
moved to Union as a small child..

A very conscientious worker in the Union United Church  
Missionary Society, also conducted mission band for the school children  
which followed immediately after school was dismissed..

Emma Mathison received her early education and religious  
training in the village of Union. After fitting herself for the work of a  
Deaconess, she was appointed to Churches in London, Brantford and Toronto.  
Because of ill-health she returned to her home church, and the Epworth  
League, Sunday School and Women's Missionary Society have benefitted by  
her training and experience..

She had a girls Sunday School class 1914, to which have kept  
in touch with each other through the years..

Miss Emma Mathison passed away Feb. 9. 1958, in her 85yr.

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Women's Activities Union United Church, 1886,- 1937, - 1974..

*Women's Missionary Society*

The Union Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society was organized August 17, 1886, by Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Baird, and Miss Agnes Wintermute, missionary under appointment to Japan, and the following officers were elected; - President, Mrs. James McKenzie; Vice-President, Miss Ruth Bigham; Recording Secretary, Miss Lena Rumball; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Lloyd; Treasurer, Miss Zara Moore. Other members at that time were; - Mrs. Thomas Olde; Mrs. Hicks; Mrs. J. W. Freeman; Mrs. Mathison, Miss Clara Graham; Miss Bertha Long; Miss Emily McIntyre; Miss Amy Pollard, Mrs. J. H. Sutton and Mrs. J. Long. Of the fifteen charter members present at the organization meeting, seven are still living.

Presidents during the fifty-one years have been; Mrs. J. McKenzie; Mrs. R. Parsons; Mrs. J. H. Sutton; Mrs. Mathison; Mrs. J. Marriott; Miss Ruth Bigham; Mrs. J. Long; Miss Z. Moore; Mrs. Evans; Mrs. G. H. Jackson; Mrs. A. Philpott; Mrs. T. H. McComb; and Miss E. Mathison. The recording secretaries have been Miss L. Rumball; Miss E. McIntyre; Miss Bertha Bigham; Miss E. Mathison; Mrs. A. Young; Mrs. Geo. Bailey; Mrs. G. Colly; Mrs. B. McIntyre; Mrs. G. Beattie; and the treasurers have been; - Miss Zara Moore; Mrs. J. McKenzie; Mrs. J. Marriott and Mrs. Mathison.

Our membership for 1936, was 41, <sup>some</sup> of which are Life Members. The average attendance was 25, last year our society raised \$185.00, which is an increase over preceding years. Our method of raising funds has been by systematic giving, thank offerings, mite boxes and fees. The treasurer, Mrs. M. Mathison, a charter member, has held office for twenty-nine years.

For fifty-one years our auxiliary has functioned without a break. What has it (nit) meant to the life of Union Church to have this band of consecrated women enriching the spiritual life of the Church. The present officers are - Miss Emma Mathison; First Vice-President - Mrs. L. D. Lloyd; Second Vice-President - Mrs. T. Gledhill; Recording Secretary - Mrs. B. McIntyre; Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. J. Parker; Treasurer - Mrs. M. Mathison; Secretary Christian Stewardship - Mrs. A. Jennings; Temperance Secretary - Mrs. W. Clark; Stranger's Secretary - Mrs. F. McPhail; Pianist - Mrs. R. Williams.

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Before the organization of the Ladies' Aid there was a Ladies' Committee composed of the active workers in the church. Very little accurate information about this committee is available, but it is known that a strong group was at work 75 years ago when the church was built. At a meeting of the building committee held on September 28, 1877, a committee of ladies was appointed, the names being; - Mrs. & Miss King, Mrs. J Long, Mrs. Sutton, Miss A. Johnston, Mrs. E. O. Green, & Mrs. Caulbick. Although it is not possible to mention the names of all who played a leading part in early days, some of those worthy of mention are; Mrs. (Dr.) Marriott, Mrs. James McKenzie, Mrs. Z. Hathaway, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. George Evans, Mrs. John Sutton & Mrs. E. Mathison.

In 1902, when Rev. J. W. Holmes was minister and Rev. Robert Hicks, assistant, the first Ladies' Aid was organized as follows; President- Mrs. Z. Hathaway, - Secretary- Mrs. George Bailey; Treasurer- Mrs. John Sutton.

In July 1922, the first carnival was held, which was an outstanding success, the programme being "A Canadian Patriotic Pageant". The "Garden Parties", were annual events until 1934. The popular Canadian Dinner held each autumn has been a feature for many years. After a bountiful dinner the diners would visit upstairs until all were fed then would enjoy a variety concert. The next day a 10¢ dinner would be served to all who could come. Dinners and lunches were served at two International Ploughing matches; in 1940, at the Ontario Hospital farm and later the F. J. Humes and Sons farm R. R. # 2 Springfield, when thousands enjoyed the fellowship and food in the fall air.

In January 1948, the church was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Isaac Willson a faithful member of the Society of Friends, was President of the W. A. at this time. For two years she gave her services unatintingly in the work of making the new church building a reality. One of the first tasks facing the W. A. was to provide good food, free meals for the men who assembled to work in "bees" which followed the fire. At times there were as many as forty-two volunteer helpers at the bees, and they were always served a hot dinner by the W. A. members in the old hall adjacent the church, where there were no facilities whatsoever, not even water or hydro.

Providing banquets for local and city groups is a large source of income for the W. A. and planning a well equipped kitchen from which to serve these banquets was one of the first concerns of the group. Now the Association takes pride in the fact that between seven and eight hundred people can be served efficiently at the annual turkey supper.

The aims and objects of the W. A. have always been kept in the fore; to deepen the spiritual life of the women of the church; to develop a programme of Christian fellowship and service, personal evangelism and stewardship; to inspire the women of the church to an increasing knowledge of, interest in and loyalty to the total programme of the church.

In 1925, at the time of church union the Ladies' Aid became the Womens' Association. In 1962, the Womens' Association and the Missionary Society joined to become the United Church Women. Mrs. L. Olde was the first president of this organization. In 1969, two groups were formed. known as the Sunshine (afternoon) group and the Candlelight (evening) group. An over-all U. C. W. executive and president hold quartly meetings for continuity and co-operation, as it is at the present time 1974..

The W. A. has done much, there is so much to do. As the church membership grows and the work expands, more and more young women are needed as dedicated workers to take the places left open with the passing of the years..

Here is a poem by Mrs. T. H. McComb, former president who predicted in the early 30,, things the ladies have done through the years.

We had Potatoes, Cabbages, Cauliflower, and Beets,  
Tomatoes, Pickles, Salads, and Sweets;  
Roast Beef, Boiled Pork, Pressed Meat and Ham,  
Done to please the palate of the most fastidious man..

Apple Pie, Date Pie, Chocolate Pie, and Cream,  
Mince Pie, Pumpkin pie, and every other kind it would seem;  
Rice Pudding, Apple Pudding, Carrot Pudding and Sauce,  
Strawberries, Raspberries, Cheese and Apple Sauce.

Grape Juice, Lemon Juice, Coffee and Tea,  
Musk Mellon, Water Melon, as ripe as they could be;  
Let me see - did we have Cod Fish?- Oh, no,- but  
We had Salmon instead of that,, if you want to know.

When we had eaten all that we could wee,,  
Around would come the collection plate, for the ten cent fee;  
Now, what did those women say? No More?  
Why, No,- out would come the dimes, the same as before.

Now, I think that you will all agree with me,  
Those ladies are the most faithful, that ever there could be.

((Signed) Jennie McComb..

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Union United Church.

Members Sunshine Unit.

U. C. W. 1946 - 1969 - 1975.  
Mrs. Clarence (Notie) Willson. 1946.  
Mrs. F. A. (Bert) Olde. 1947.  
Mrs. W. H. (Mabel) Clark. 1950.  
Mrs. Isaac (Edna) Willson. 1951.  
Mrs. Truman (Edna) Vansyckle. 1952.  
Mrs. John (Emma) Parker. 1954.  
Mrs. Archie (Audrey) Douglas.  
Mrs. Roy (May) Johnson. 1957.  
Mrs. Nellie Clark.  
Mrs. Roy (Kate) Harvey.  
Mrs. Chas. (Millie) Smale.  
Mrs. Chas. (Eleanor) Willson.  
Mrs. Clarence (Dorothy) Sadler.  
Mrs. Norm. (Gertrude) Smith.  
Mrs. Marie Shaw.  
Mrs. Walter (Olive) Brodie.  
Mrs. Mildred Burrell.  
Mrs. Edward (Grace) Griffith.  
Mrs. Chas. (Ina) Ferguson.  
Mrs. Frank (Mary) Fishleigh.  
Rev. Mrs. Elwood (Olive) Morden.  
Mrs. Ken (Ellen) Russ.  
Mrs. Leonard (Phyllis) Olde.  
Mrs. Mell. (Frederica) Smith.  
Mrs. Zilpha Pearce.  
Mrs. George (Nita) Shelley.  
Mrs. Jack (Pearl) West.  
Mrs. Katherine Treadwell.  
Mrs. Donald (Delores) Johnson.  
Mrs. Read (Edna) Beckett.  
Mrs. Clara Schultz.  
Mrs. Dan (Jean) McPhail.  
Mrs. Lew (Grace) King.  
Mrs. Mary Guy.  
Mrs. James (Ruth) Martin.  
Mrs. S. J. (Lorraine) Ollivier.  
Mrs. Chas. (Clara) Ingram.  
Mrs. June Bushell.

Deceased.

Mrs. W. P. Willson. 1957.  
Mrs. H. Oke. 1950.  
Mrs. A. H. Olde. 1951.  
Mrs. Ted. Gledhill. 1956.  
Miss Emma Matheson. 1958.  
Mrs. Roy Ingram. 1961.  
Mrs. A. J. Olde. 1961.  
Mrs. Sam. Height. 1962.  
Mrs. Olive McKinley. 1971.  
Mrs. Frank McPhail. 1972.  
Mrs. Roy Guest.  
Mrs. Veda Fish. 1973.  
Mrs. Nellie Dufty. 1974.  
Miss Delia Jennings. 1975.

1946, - 1973.

U. C. W. of Union United Church.

Sunshine Unit.

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. A. Olde on Thursday afternoon June 28, 1973.

It was a happy occasion as all Life Members who were able to attend were honored and each one had a corsage pinned on by another member.

On leaving Windsor and moving to Union to live in 1946, Mrs. Clarence Willson was made a Life Member by the group she had belonged to for many years. Later on in 1947 Mrs. Charles Willson and Mrs. Clarence Willson decided to do something a little extra in order to make their Mother - in - law, Mrs. W. P. Willson a Life Member.

So they busied themselves with sewing , crocheting, knitting, embroidery work and when all was in readiness they held a social afternoon for the ladies.

Mrs. Isaac Willson acted as auctioneer and sold the many articles. Enough cash was realized from the sale to make two Life Memberships so members names were placed in a hat and the name drawn was that of Mrs. F. A. Olde.

Life members at present are-

- ✓ Mes. Mabel Clark.
- Mrs. Harry Cross.
- ✓ Miss Delia Jennings.
- Mrs. Emma Parker.
- Mrs. Truman Vansyckle.
- Mrs. Nellie Dufty.
- ✓ Mrs. Clarence Willson.
- ✓ Mrs. Isaac Willson.
- ✓ Mrs. Roy Johnson.
- ✓ Mrs. F. A. Olde.
- Mrs. Floyd Kipp.
- ✓ Mrs. Clarence Sadler.
- ✓ Mrs. Leanard Olde.
- ✓ Mrs. Elwood Morden.
- Mrs. Archie Douglas.

This information by Mrs. C. Willson.  
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1925- 1973..

U. C. W. of Union United Church..

Sunshine Unit..

Life Members..

Front-

Mrs. Leanard Olde..

Middle row-

Mrs. Elwood Morden..

Mrs. Mable Clark..

Miss Delia Jennings..

Back-

Mrs. F. A. Olde..

Mrs. Roy Johnson..

Mrs. Clarence Willson..

Mrs. Clarence Sadler..

Mrs.. Isaac Willson..



Members..

Front-

Mrs. Norm Smith..

Mrs.. Mel Smith..

Mrs. Archie Douglas..

Mrs. Clara Shultz..

Back-

Mrs.. Chas.. Ingram..

Mrs. Marg Guy..

Mrs.. Jack West..

Mrs. Zolpha Pearce..

Mrs. Roy Harvey..

Mrs. Chas Ferguson..

Pictures taken at home of Mrs. F. A. Olde  
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Union United Church.

Members Candlelight evening Unit.

U. C. W. 1969 - 1975.

Mrs. Harry (Hattie) Lawton.  
Mrs. Don (Marjorie) Lanning.  
Mrs. Jack (Ann) Meueese.  
Mrs. Glen (Rosie) Lewis.  
Mrs. Harry (Marion) Gillard.  
Mrs. Bud (Ilene) Gillard.  
Mrs. Ron (Shirley) Dickie.  
Mrs. Robert (Shirley) Willson.  
Mrs. Craige (Christine) Bond.  
Mrs. Andy (Diane) Krul.  
Mrs. Dale (Pauline) Swift.  
Mrs. Robert (Helen) Axford.  
Mrs. Harold (Ruby) Dodson.  
Mrs. Morris (Joan) Shaw.  
Mrs. Elwood (Olive) Morden.  
Mrs. Verlyn (Carol) Lanning.  
Mrs. Walter (Marg.) Somerville.  
Mrs. Chas. (Berma) Lawton.  
Miss Vera Vint.