

Tyrconnell Women's
Institute

1949-1950

PROGRAM

Last Wednesday of Each Month
at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYER

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in word, and in deed. Let us put away fault-finding, and leave off self-seeking. May we put away pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and always generous. Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid. Grant us to see it is the little things of life that create the difference, that in big things we are one. May we strive to touch and to know the great common women's heart of us all, and Oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

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1950 - 1951

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MARY STUART COLLECT

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, word and deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.
Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and, O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

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1951 - 1952

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Mrs. Mellen Page



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1952 - 1953

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March 26, 1954

at the home of
Mrs. John Becker Sr.
Mrs. John Becker Jr.

OFFICERS for TYRCONNELL W. I. 1963-1964

President - Mrs. Gordon Gow - Wallacetown
1st Vice President - Mrs. Murray Jacques - Wallacetown
2nd " " - Mrs. John Graham - Wallacetown
Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Louis Marcus - Wallacetown
Dist. Director - Mrs. Wm. Griffiths - Wallacetown

INSTITUTE SPONSORS EUROPEAN CHILD

In 1961, The Tyrconnell W. I. decided to help sponsor a child in Europe, so together with Boxall and Wallacetown W. I. 's, we have an adopted Child, Heinz Maiwold, from Germany. He is 12 years old.

We send him gifts on special days, such as his Birthday which is in October and Christmas. We get letters from him, telling what he buys when cash is the gift.

We are very pleased with this little boy and we are sponsoring him again this year 1964.

ELGIN WEST WOMEN'S INSTITUTES HOLD DISTRICT ANNUAL
MEETING (1971)

Mrs. Gordon Gow, Dutton, was elected president of the Elgin West District Women's Institute Wednesday at the 63rd annual meeting held at Knox Presbyterian Church here. (Fingal) She succeeds Mrs. Harold Butler, R.R. 1, St. Thomas.

Other officers: Vice-President, Mrs. Ivan MacAdam, R.R. 4, Iona Station; secretary,-treasurer, Mrs. Russell Campbell, R1, Iona Station; federation representative, Mrs. Gow; district delegate, Mrs. Garnet Long, R1, Wardsville; alternate, Mrs. Vermont Pow, R7, St. Thomas; public relations, Mrs. Louis Marcus; auditors, Mrs. Gordon Woolner, R1, Wardsville and Mrs. Wolfgang Leipman, West Lorne.

Standing committee conveners: Mrs. John McCart, R1, Southwold; Mrs. Herbert Parks, R3, Shedden; Mrs. M.D. Walters, R1, Wallacetown; Mrs. Bertha Cooper, West Lorne; Mrs. R.M. Campbell, R1, Rodney.

Nominating committee: Southwold, Mrs. Wm. Meek, R7, St. Thomas; Aldborough, Mrs. Earl Keutch, Rodney; Dunwich, Mrs. Jack McNeil, Dutton.

Guest speaker was Mrs. K.C. Marshall, secretary of the St. Thomas University Women's Club. Also speaking was Mrs. Lorne Daniel, R1, Mount Elgin, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario director.

Greetings were also extended by Elgin County agricultural representative A.V. Langton.

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Ford Family Farm

The first person to be given a lot by Colonel Talbot was George Crane, who had come with him as an employee in 1803. He was the first settler in this part of the settlement and was granted the land in Dunwich in 1806. It is reported that Colonel Talbot gave him the land for .25¢ per acre - all the land he could walk around in 24 years. In those days the land was forest and Mr. Crane had to mark each tree with an axe to find the way. Most of the land was sold for \$3.00 an acre. Three years later Pearces, Storeys, and Pattersons arrived, numbering 13 persons in all.

Little has been written about George Crane. He built a log house near the shore of Lake Erie. In those days it was forest, and George Crane would take a bag of grain and walk to Port Stanley, carrying the bag on his back, and have it made into flour. He would return the next day as the forest had a lot of wild beasts. Mr. Crane died August, 1834, at the age of 64 years, and was buried on the hill overlooking the lake. A monument was erected in his memory. His wife Isabella followed him October 23, 1854, at the age of 67 years.

Anthony Crane was a son, and second generation. He married Mary McVicar and they had 5 children. All children died ranging in age from 11 days to 44 years. The only one living to late life was Alexander Crane. He was the third generation of the Crane family. In his early days he spent considerable time in British Columbia. While he was away, different families worked the land and lived in the large rambling house. It was very impressive with its verandah all around it and every room had a fireplace. One could walk around the house on the verandah and view the countryside from every angle.

Anthony Crane built the buildings- 3 barns, and an implement shed.

These buildings are still standing. Alexander did little to improve them. This fine old home burned to the ground after the Ford's purchased the farm in 1927.

Alexander Crane gave the road, concession 12, on which the farm is located, off the land. This was done so the two farms would have a road. This was taken over by the township of Dunwich later.

In Mr. Crane's time, the Indians and squaws picked wild plums at Plum Point. Maybe that is how the point became known as such.

In 1918 Charles Christopher Ford, born in Dunwich Township, and Mrs. Florence O'Neil Ford, born in London, bought the farm. They had 3 sons and 3 daughters. When they arrived, the farm had not been looked after and weeds were in abundance also bees nests. When the men ploughed it by horses they had to put burlap bags on their legs to protect them from the bees. The fences were of rails. When the Fords came, Mr. and Mrs. Crane, their man servant and maid, moved to London.

Mr. Ford's three sons were Fred, Clifford and Allen. Fred went to Detroit. Clifford and Allen stayed on the farm.

Following Mr. Charles Ford's death in 1945, Clifford and Allen worked the farm from 1945-1971. Allen died on May 3, 1971. In that year the brothers had sold the farm to Clifford's eldest son Kenneth and his wife Valerie Jean.

In 1973, Clifford and his wife Irene retired in a mobile home on the home farm.