

In June 1923, John E. Pearce bought the original grant of 70 acres from Colonel Talbot to Mrs. Storey except the 10 acres which she deeded to Right Reverend Charles Stewart, Bishop of Quebec. In 1955 the wooded part and ravine were given to the Province of Ontario under the Lands and Forests Department which in 1960 purchased a field from St. Peter's Church consisting of about three acres and lying adjacent to the Park, South of St. Peter's Church.

Just a few days ago the Lands and Forests have taken over the balance of Lot 11, Con. 10 still owned by John E. Pearce and now the park will extend from the line between Lot 10 owned by John E. Pearce to Lot 12 owned by Alistar Littlejohn except $\frac{39}{100}$ of an acre purchased last year by Louis Marcus.

Colonel Talbot's Home



1961 - May - at the "Tea"



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Views from the grounds



TALBOT SETTLEMENT ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAMME FOR - 1961

Part 1

Tribute to Talbot Settlement Pioneers. To be held in the John E. Pearce Provincial Park at 2:30 p.m. 21st May, 1961.

PARADE of Rover and Boy Scouts into Park, led by McGregor Scottish Pipe Band of West Lorne.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. To be sung by all present. Led by Dunwich Massed Choir, accompanied by Springfield Boys' Band.

INVOCATION - The Reverend Mr. C.E. Beacom

GREETINGS - Mr. James McBain, M.P. for Elgin County

HYMN O God Our Help In Ages Past - sung by Dunwich Massed Choir, Director Miss Elaine Keillor, accompanied by Springfield Band.

WREATH Made by the ladies of St. Peter's Tyrconnell, placed at the foot of the Pioneer Monument by Mrs. R.J. Futchter, President, Elgin County Pioneer Museum and Mr. John E. Pearce.

SONG Page quartet *Morley Page, son, Bill Page
Don Page, Jack Page, sons of late Herman Page*

ADDRESS Dr. J. Gwynne-Timothy, University of Western Ontario

O.CANADA - To be sung by all present. Led by Dunwich Massed Choir, accompanied by Springfield Boys' Band.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mr. John Ker

Part 11 - Unveiling of Sergeant Ellis Sifton, V.C. Historical Plaque
Sponsored by 18th Battalion Association. Erected by Ontario Archaeological and Historical Sites Board. Immediately following Part 1 of the programme in St. Peter's Church Yard.

Part 111 - Dedication of Restoration of Colonel Talbot's grave site
in St. Peter's Church Cemetery. Immediately following Part 11 of the programme.

Colonel Talbot's Residence at Port Talbot will be open to the public from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. IN AID OF THE ELGIN COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM.

May 21, 1961
Honouring a Hero.



PLAQUE UNVEILED—A most impressive part of the ceremony at Tyrconnell on Sunday was the unveiling of a memorial plaque in honor of Sgt. Ellis Wellwood Sifton, World War I hero, and Elgin County's only winner of the Victoria Cross. It stands in the yard of St.

Peter's Church which Sgt. Sifton attended and in the above picture the unveiling is being performed by his sisters, Misses Ella and Millie Sifton. Looking on is Bugler Fred Hodson of Hespler, who sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

ONTARIO V.C. WINNER COMMEMORATED—



—Photo by Travel and Publicity

An historical plaque commemorating Ellis Wellwood Sifton, a Victoria Cross winner of the First World War, was recently unveiled on the grounds of St. Peter's Church at Tyrconnell, Elgin County. This plaque was erected by the Department of Travel and Publicity, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario. Participants in the ceremony, as shown above, are from left to right: Mr. Leslie R. Gray, a member of the Historic Sites Board; Captain E. H. Shuttleworth, President of the London Branch, 18th Battalion Association; Major James Baxter, M.C., of the 18th Battalion Association; Miss Lila Sifton and Miss Ella Sifton, sisters of the Victoria Cross winner; the Rev. John Graham, Rector of St. Peter's; Mr. D. Burgess, Warden of Elgin County; Mr. R. K. McNeil, M.P.P. (Elgin); and Mr. J. A. McBain, M.P. (Elgin).

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Open to the Public

During Weekend

May 19, 20, 21. 1962

Setting up the Table



WHICH WAY LOOKS BEST?—The setting of the large dining table in the dining room at Malahide House is being discussed by this group of members of the Women's Institutes of Elgin. From left to right are Mrs. J. D. Galbraith, of Iona Station, Elgin County president of the W.I. Mrs. R. H. McNeil, of Dut-

ton; Mrs. Lewis Marcus, secretary of Tyrconnell W.I.; Mrs. W. S. McKillop, president of Wallacetown W.I.; Mrs. Gordon Gow, president of Tyrconnell W.I.; and Mrs. Herbert Green, convener of historical research for West Elgin W.I. These women will be acting as guides at the three-day open house to be held at the Talbot estate this weekend.—(T.-J. Photo).