

July 26th 2007

Bobier Villa celebrates 10th anniversary

Residents, families and dignitaries celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of Bobier Villa Sunday. Here, Elgin County Warden Lynn Acre and Theresa Gillick, President of the resident council cut into a huge cake during the opening ceremony before an afternoon of fellowship. Currently the county operated, Bobier Villa, has 55 long-term care beds and two temporary care beds.

JEFF KEMPENAAR
THE CHRONICLE



STAINED GLASS ART



Katherine Medlyn - Medlyn Stained Glass of St. Thomas(L) was commissioned by the Bobier Villa to craft stained glass windows in the dining room. The artwork is a scene of a growing tree which spans throughout all of the windows. Katherine is standing beside her Great Aunt Dorothy Medlyn (92) who is a resident at the Bobier Villa. Dorothy is proud to say that she is the oldest living Medlyn left in her family. The Medlyn family is known in the St. Thomas area from the Medlyn Hardware Store which was on Talbot Street.

-gkelly/HORIZON

July 25th 2007



*Come and Celebrate
With Us*

*Bobier Villa's
10th Anniversary*

Sunday, July 22, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
1 Bobier Lane, Dutton

Everyone Welcome

LONDON AREA
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



93rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

THEME;

"SHOUT, SING AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER"

LOCATION

KIRKTON-WOODHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
70497 HIGHWAY 23
KIRKTON, NOK 1K0
519-229-8854

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

MIDDLESEX EAST, MIDDLESEX NORTHWEST
ELGIN COUNTY

PERTH SOUTH, HURON SOUTH, HURON WEST
OXFORD DISTRICT



*London Area Womens Institute
Officers*



*from left
1 Helen Van Brunk
2 Kathy Minnema
3 Sally M'INTYRE.
4 Darlene Ford.*



JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

Church renovations going forward with the help of volunteers

Plans for renovating the church began with a need to replace the old furnace. It's expected by mid-february the church renovations will be finished. The church, located at the corner of Duff Line and Largie road was first built back in 1895. Minister Appel hopes the improvements will help the church reach out to the public.

Jan 24/2008

Duff Church renovated

► Church to be made over with new carpets, flooring, furniture and windows

Jesse Cnockaert
Staff

Duff Church on the corner of Duff line and Largie road is getting a new look.

The church is being renovated to increase the usable space, include handicap access on the main floor, and replace some furniture to make the building a more enjoyable place for visitors. The renovations are expected to be completed by mid-February.

Plans for renovations began with a need to replace the church's furnace. Nearly 40 per cent of the furnace's heat was being lost in the church's chimney. It was decided to replace the furnace with two smaller furnaces, and according to Minister Hugh Appel, one thing lead to another. Soon after they decided to redo the flooring on the ground floor and re-carpet the entire building.

"People like it when they walk into a church and they see it's looked after," said Appel.

The two new furnaces will run on gas instead of oil like the previous one. One furnace will heat the downstairs and one will heat the upstairs.

Without the old furnace, the downstairs level will have more space, allowing the church to make better use of the area. And the church can use more space; Duff Church has a growing Sunday school and a

number of programs for the public, including line-dancing classes.

"I think a church should never fall behind. I've found out since I've been here that a lot of these smaller, rural churches are suffering. There's not enough people. There's not enough growth. Often they lack the funds [to make renovations]," said Appel.

Most of the renovation work is being done by volunteers. According to Appel, the church is grateful for the support of volunteers who make this kind of job possible. Appel says many of them have full-time jobs, but still come to the church to help out for hours.

"The problem with old churches is they become historical buildings, and historical buildings, it's very hard to maintain and keep up. If we didn't have the people here that could do this kind of work... the cost would be enormous," he said.

The renovations will also include repairing some windows, building a cloakroom on the ground floor, and getting some new tables and chairs.

Minister Appel plans to retire in June. He hopes that the renovations will make it easier to find a replacement for him because the church will look more attractive.

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Mrs & Mrs. Pat Waite

*Catherine Ruth McKellar and Pat Garnet Waite
were married July 12th 1952 at the West Lorne
parsonage by Rev. Hill Hamilton.*

*After a honeymoon to Miami, Florida, a reception
was held at the bride's parents home - Mr. & Mrs
Wilfred McKellar, R.R. 1, Sutton.*





Russ & Doris Barbet.
May 9th 1953



DONALD & DOROTHEA MONTEITH.

JUNE 27, 1998.

WALLACETOWN UNITED CHURCH
REV EVELYN MCLACHLIN
BESTMAN RAY MCEOWN - BRIDESMAID
DONNA WARNER.

RECEPTION:

DUTTON COMMUNITY CENTER.



YONGE ST., TORONTO, ONT. 1943

Dorothy V. Fox
Edward (Ted) J. Lamb
married in Hamilton, Ont
McNabb St. Presbyterian
Church

July 10, 1943 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Beverly Ketchen (ma

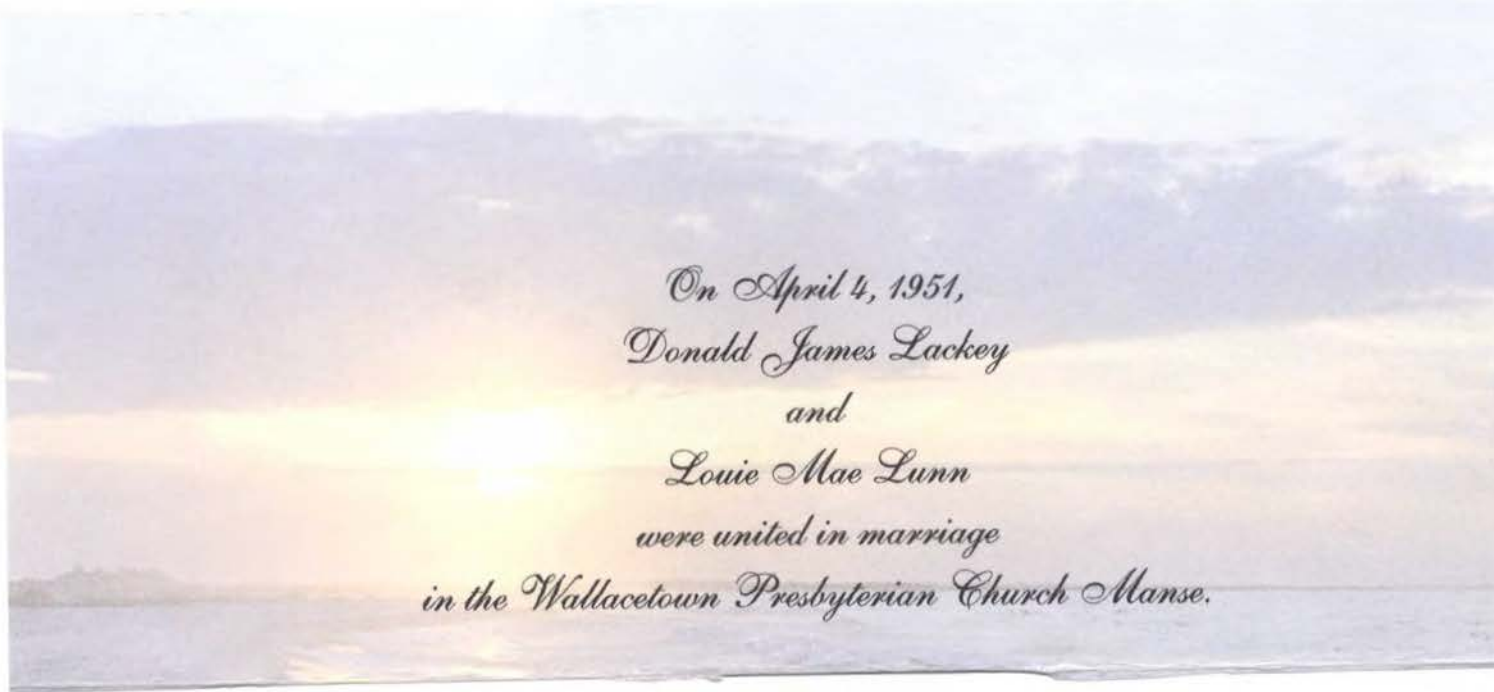
2 WOMEN^(SISTERS) ACROSS THE
STREET from the Church we
asked by MINISTER TO STAND
WITH THEM.

ATE AT A RESTAURANT IN
HAMILTON BY THEMSELVES.

MOVED TO JARVIS A FEW
MONTHS LATER. TED WAS IN
AIR FORCE AT HAGERSVILLE.

MOVED BACK TO WALLACE TOW
A FEW MONTHS AFTER DAVID
WAS BORN IN JUNE 1944.

MOVED TO PRESENT ADDRESS
JUST BEFORE BEVERLY W
BORN IN JANUARY 1946.



*On April 4, 1951,
Donald James Lackey
and
Louie Mae Lunn
were united in marriage
in the Wallacetown Presbyterian Church Manse.*



Pete (Robert Christopher)
Drouillard

Amarilis Joan (Schofield) ^{Mace}Eachern
married at Wallacetown United
Church

On August 28, 1999

Maid of Honour - Trina VanBrenk
(friend of bride)

Best Man - Kevin Drouillard
(brother of groom)

Reception at Dutton Community
Centre



This picture was taken in front of the "Wedding Tree" at Waterworks Park, in St. Thomas, which has now been removed.



Herman Nicholaas Minnema and Kathryn Eileen Shively (Lunn) were married on Friday August 12th, 1994 at 2 pm at the St. Thomas Court House by a Justice of the Peace. Attendants were John and Rita Hermsen. Pictures were taken at Waterworks Park in St. Thomas. Reception for 80 followed at the New Sarum Dinner. Guests came from Belmont, Dutton, Springfield, Straffordville, Waterford, Appin, Sarnia, Dorset, Bothwell, Grand Valley, St. Thomas, Aylmer, Avon and Holland. They are residing on a farm at R.# 1 Dutton, Ontario. A honeymoon trip to Holland is planned for March of 1995.



WEDDINGS

LILLEY - HASKETT

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 26 — The marriage was solemnized at three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, October 24, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Martha Haskett of Dutton, formerly of St. Thomas, of Kathleen Haskett to Allan Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lilley, of Campbellton. Rev. J. F. Ward, of the Dutton Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony. Given in marriage by Jacob Kellar, the bride wore a street-length blue dress with a fingertip veil held by a band of flowers and a corsage bouquet of mixed flowers. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lila Haskett, who wore a blue suit with brown accessories and a corsage of mixed flowers. Don Mescoskie attended the groom. The Misses Jacqueline Young, Doris Haskett, Ruby Mantle and Mrs. L. Mantle assisted in serving the wedding breakfast. For the wedding trip to Woodstock and points east, the bride donned a blue suit with brown accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Lilley will reside at Campbellton. Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, Frome; Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne, Miss Betty Wier, St. Thomas; Mrs. Beatrice Wotherspoon, Jacob Kellar, Windsor.



THE WEDDING DAY OF RIEM-HELEN VAN BRENK.
KATRINUS VAN BRENK & HELEN MARY AKHURST.
married on Dec 3rd 1970. AT THE CHRISTIAN,
PROTESTANT, Church at 4pm. Reception at
the Community Centre Kesteren, Holland.



The Wedding Day of
John Colin McIntyre
and
Sally Christine Stoner
Married on December 14th 1985.
in London, Ontario
Standing up with us were
R. and Helen Von Brenk.



JIM AND JOAN JOHNSTON.

MARRIED - SATURDAY JUNE 30th 1962

AT KIMBOURNE UNITED CHURCH. EAST

YORK. TORONTO.



Bill & Joan
McLandress
Wedding.

Bill & I were married January 24, 1951. He was twenty-one; I was twenty. We were married at Central United Church St. Thomas in the evening at 7:30 in a candle-lit ceremony with about fifty guests present. I wore a burgandy velvet dress.

Bill's sister Mary Jane ^{Clifford's} was bridesmaid & his friend Boyd Chesney best man. We went to Florida for our honeymoon. After five hours in Florida we headed for home, anxious to settle in our little rented house in West Lorne with all our lovely things.



Gladys (Davy) Graham and Stuart
D. Graham -
Married at Wallacetown United
Church, Sept 26th 1939.



Stuart & Gladys Graham resided on a
Farm in Iona for 25 yrs - moved to Wallacetown
Stuart died July 1977.



Photo taken in Davy's Backyard on the
day of my sisters (Florence's) wedding day
& Minister. Dr. I.H. McDonald, Gladys, Stuart,
and Mrs McDonald.