

WINTER PICNIC.

IT IS A POTLUCK LUNCH AT 12'00 NOON. ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18;
2009 AT TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH .HOSTESSES ARE PAYNES MILLS AND
CLACHAN.

A SHORT DVD ON ADELAIDE HOODLESS THE FOUNDER OF THE W.I. IN 1897.

GEORGIA SIFTON FROM THE ELGIN COUNTY MUSEUM GAVE AN INTERESTING
PROGRAM OF THE COLLECTION . THE ANDERSON DEPARTMENT STORE.
THE STORE RAN FOR 92 YEARS FROM 1896 TO 1988. there were HATS"
PURSES: GLOVES: MENS:HAT: CARRIERCASE: BATHING SUITE A COAT AND
3 DRESSES.

WI Members.



POT LUCK.



GEORGIA SIFTON TALKING ON.



ANDERSON DEPARTMENT STORE CLOTHS.

Headline News

April 2nd/2009



A beautiful quilt donated for charity. JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

Grace Campbell, president of the Elgin County District Women's Institute, showed off a quilt which was hand-made by Ruby McGugan, a member of the Wallacetown Women's Institute. McGugan donated her quilt and it will be raffled off April 4 at Bobier Villa between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Funds will go toward the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Fund.

NORMA McMillan.



JOAN MANSELL



Helew VAN BRENK

HEATHER MacAdam.

Leola LAWRENCE

Elgin County Women's Institute held a successful Cancer Tea at Bobier Villa raising \$1,900 for the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary. Thanks to Ruby McGugan for the beautiful quilt won by Lucy Foxton, afghan won by Trish Corneil, Tee shirt won by Nancy Smith. Thanks to all who worked, bought tickets and supported this event. Thanks to all who sold and bought daffodils.



MARY Lippold.

Lyuen M'Lain



GRACE CAMPBELL.



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Crocheting for a good cause

JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

Rita Bouw of Dutton has been turning milk bags into sleeping mats since August 2008. The mats are sent to third world countries to give people there an alternative to sleeping on the ground. The plastic mats are colourful, cushy, and help protect people against soil-born parasites like hookworms.

Milk bags to sleeping mats

Jesse Cnockaert
Staff

A Dutton woman is showing how milk bags can be put to good use fighting disease in third world countries.

Since August 2008, Rita Bouw of Dutton has been raising awareness of how people can use crocheting to turn milk bags into mats. Many people in third world countries sleep on the ground because they don't have the comfort of a bed. A milk bag mat for them to sleep on helps protect against soil-born parasites.

"When you put your kids to bed at night, you don't have to worry about them. They're warm and healthy. But these kids, they're sleeping on the sand," said Bouw. "It's amazing, a mattress like that prevents 78 percent of diseases from parasites and hookworms."

Bouw was introduced to the idea by Marlene Harvey of London. Harvey organized volunteer groups to make the mats and have them shipped out. Since Bouw heard about the idea, she has been trying to gather local interest by visiting schools, churches and community groups. Bouw said Aldborough Public School in Rodney has most recently expressed an interest in learning more.

"At this point, it's going so fast I haven't really stopped to think about it. I want to be able to have as many people crocheting and collecting bags as possible," said Bouw.

First, the milk bags are cut into long strips. The strips are then tied together. Finally, the strips are crocheted into mats, which are about a metre wide and over a metre long. Each mat is made up of 260 milk bags, which means for every 50 mats, 13,000 milk bags are saved from going to the landfill. It's recycling, and it's free to do.

"What I like about it is that nobody has to put out any money in this day and age when it is quite challenging to raise funds," said Bouw. "It just caught my interest, like 'My gosh, I can do that.' It's so simple; doesn't cost any money and I'm doing something that, somewhere, I'm making a difference."

Bouw has known how to crochet most of her life, but she never practiced much before she started this program.

"My mother was a wonderful crochet-er and she did teach me, but I never used it. I did crochet some stuff but I never really used it until I found this," she said.

Bouw said that the mats are used as package stuffing for medical supplies, so that drastically cuts down on shipping costs.

Anyone who would like more information can call Rita Bouw at (519) 762-2440.

April 2009.



West Group of Wallacetown
United Church

1942

Mrs Lorne Shipley

Mrs Wm Mc Kellogg

Mrs Bert Bradden

Mrs A. Dawdy

Mrs H. Farr

Mrs Lloyd Ripley

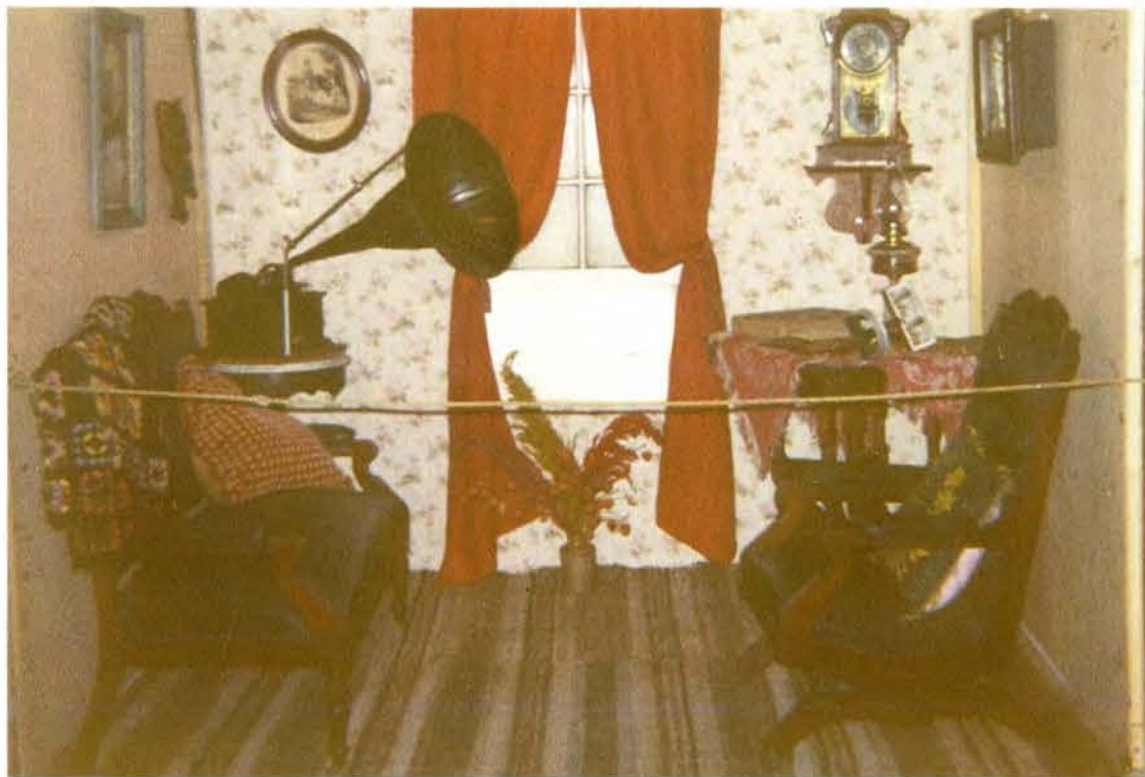
Mrs Ed Shipley

Mrs J W Ripley

Billie & Donny Lyons

Mrs L.C. Lyons

1st Prize at the Wallacetown Fair 1967



April 2009.



centennial quilt 1966-67
Back May Graham, Mary Blue,
Hazel Martelle, Loni Loe M^cKellof
& my M^cKellar. sold for \$60.



quilting bee at Jack Ripleys 1968
Hazel Ripley, Esabelle Ripley, Ruby
M^cGugar, Irene Cairns, Margonete
M^cGregor, Dorothy Robson & myself.

Wallacetown Women's Institute Officers 2009 - 2010

President - Helen Van Brenk
1st. Vice President - Kathy Minnema
Secretary - Joan McLandress
Ass. Secretary - Kathy Minnema
Treasurer - Louie Lackey
District Director - Helen Van Brenk
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Advocacy Convener - Sally McIntyre
Rep. to Bobier Home - Amarilis Drouillard

Rep. to Elgin County Museum - Helen Van Brenk
Cards and Cheers - Kay Lilley

April 16th 2009.



Back Left 1, Darlene Ford, 2, Sally McIntyre 3, Ruth Rueger
Front Left 1, Dorothea Monteith 2, Louie Lackey.

April 16th 2009.



Back Row - Left - 1. Kathy Minnema, 2. Joan M'Lundress, 3. Helen VAN
BRENK, 4. Kay Waite.

Front Row - Left 1. Ruby M'Gugan, 2. Kay Lilley,
3. Joan Johnston.

Absent - Ina Grahm, Amarelis Drocillard
Doris Barber.

ANNUAL BRANCH EDUCATION ROSE CONVENORS REPORT
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 2009

Wallacetown Women's Institute

Educational Rose Convenor

Mrs Kay Waite
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Agriculture

Tour - Lakeview Gardens. Amanda Aikens was our guide who explained that 80% of all the plants are propagated there. She gave us helpful hints as she answered our questions. Approx. 1 hour in length.

Motto - Modern Methods of Farming

Roll Call - Something that has changed on the farm since your Grandparents time

Discussion - April 12th, Daffodil Tea at Bobier Villa. Who will donate a fruit loaf ?

- Quilts in Bloom at Shedden Keystone on April 18 & 19th
- Flowers in Bloom coffee break at Iona Hall on April 26th
- District Annual on May 14th at St. James Presbyterian Church
- May 24th, Teddy Bear Picnic at Yarmouth Glen
- 2008 & 2009 program meeting to be held at Kay Waite's on June 16

Citizenship & Legislation

Tour - Location of Springfield's 1st Post Office

Speaker - Pat Zimmer - Aylmer District Museum spoke on the first post office and its Post Masters. She showed us many old post cards and pictures. Approx, 1 hour in length

Motto - The Mail must Go Through

Roll Call - Tell us about a special letter you have received in the mail

Discussion - West Elgin Scouts dinner in West Lorne

- Tweedsmuir Workshop at Kirkton Com. Centre on August 5th. Who would like to go?

Consumer & Family Affairs

Tour - " In A Jam " at Melbourne. Owner Debbie McCallum told us every item (approx. 100 different kinds) is homemade in small batches in an open kettle. We sampled many varieties as she answered our questions. Debbie also makes pickles and has gift baskets for sale. Approx. 1 1/2 hours in length

Motto - A hobby will add interest and pleasure to your life and broaden your knowledge

Roll Call - Laughter is the best medicine. Bring a joke

Discussion - Wallacetown Fair dinner on Sept 26th - the menu and who could help?

- Harvest Tea at the Bobier Villa on Oct. 3rd
- Oct. 7th - London Area Convention at Shedden Keystone. Who will help Kathy with the " Lite & Lively " and who will donate muffins?

Educational, Cultural Activities & Tweedsmuir History

- Car Pool - London Area Convention at Shedden Keystone Complex with entertainment by the West Elgin Choral Society.
- Women's Institute Winter Picnic at Talbotville United Church - Video on Adelaide Hoodless.
- Speakers - Georgia Sifton from the Elgin St. Thomas Museum spoke on the History of Anderson's Store. She showed and talked about several articles she had brought that had been from the store.
- Diane Van Dyk and Adrienne Fulford from West Elgin Community Health Centre gave a talk on a program they are studying on Asthma in the rural farm community.
 - Lucy Ogletree on the Water School.
- Tour - Pinecroft Display at Elgin County Museum. Mike Baker answered many questions as he showed us around the environmental control storage room and told the history of Pinecroft.
- Roll Call - When Grandpa and Grandpa were dating.....
- Discussion - Old Fashioned Family Christmas Bazaar at Iona Hall on Nov.29th.
- Middlemarch W.I. Chili Luncheon on Dec.4th.
 - Christmas Dinner at A.J.'s - Iona at 12 noon.
 - 2010 Elgin County International Plowing Match banquet for the " Queen of the Furrow " crowning ceremony.
- Activities - We prepared and catered to the Wallacetown Fair Dinner.
- Sponsored a Christmas Mystery bus Trip.
 - Members Joan McLandress and Joan Johnston worked at the Elgin Manor Tuck Shop.
 - Catered to a Funeral Luncheon
 - Held a pot luck dinner and euchre card party for the seniors in the community.
 - Several members attended " Quilts in Bloom " at Shedden Keystone.
 - Kathy Minnema led " Lite & Lively " at the area convention in Shedden with help from other members..
 - Tweedsmuir Workshop at Kirkton Com. Centre attended by Helen Van Brenk.
 - District Annual attended by Helen Van Brenk, Louie Lackey, Darlene Ford and Kathy Minnema.
 - " Teddy Bear Picnic" held at Yarmouth Glen was attended by Helen Van Brenk, Louie and Brinley Lackey.
 - Dorothea Monteith and Helen Van Brenk went to see " The History of the Toilet " at the Elgin County Museum.
 - " Flowers in Bloom " coffee break was attended by Helen Van Brenk.
 - We remembered the sick and shut-ins at home, nursing homes and hospitals.
 - London Area Convention at Shedden Keystone was attended by several members.
 - Our cupboards were checked and several items were replaced.
 - Five members attended the Winter Picnic held at the Talbotville United Church.
- Donations - Daffodil Welfare Aux. and food bank.
- Second Stage Housing.
 - Christmas Shop.
 - 4 H Clubs.
 - Dutton Medical Centre.
 - Pennies For Friendship.
 - Baking, crafts and plants donated to Tea's and Bazaare's for door prizes.
 - A cash donation was given to the Bobier Villa to buy gifts for the resident's birthdays.
 - A turkey was bought for our Christmas Family.
 - 1st. West Lorne Scouting Family.

ROSE PROGRAM

SESSION PROFILE FORM



WHAT IS A ROSE SESSION?

ROSE Sessions include almost all topics including health and community service initiatives, so long as you invite the community to attend and there is an educational component to the session.

Your ROSE Session has now been completed. We thank you for sharing your experiences! Please use this form to report the details of your ROSE Session. Feel free to enclose photographs and articles. Please complete and return to:

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Branch: Wallacetown District: Elgin County

Area: London

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N0L 1S0

TELEPHONE: 519-762-5754

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E-MAIL:

Would you like to be on the ROSE Email Update List?

YES NO

Would you like your session featured on the FWIO web site?

YES NO

SESSION DATE:

May 1st 2008

SESSION LOCATION:

SESSION DESCRIPTION: (general - theme, hours, advertising, etc.)

International Affairs / Grandmothers Meeting 1:30-4:30 o'clock
Motto - Medley of Poems
Roll Call - Name a "Culture or Trend Change that war brides might have brought to our country"
Speaker - Joyce Bezeau, Gutter a "War Bride" who made the trek in 2006 to celebrate the 60 anniversary of war brides
Joyce was 19 when she left England to meet her husband who lived in Rimouski, Quebec. She was lonely and had problems with the language. Her husband left her to work in the bush.

(over)

SESSION TOPICS:**ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED:**

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| 2. | _____ | 2. | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | 3. | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | 4. | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | 5. | _____ |
| 6. | _____ | 6. | _____ |

GUEST SPEAKERS/TITLES/ORGANIZATIONS:

1. *As a small group each meeting is a conversational choice.*
2. *This year we travelled to many places. We only had*
3. *2 meetings at the hall. The one listed is the one*
4. *we had guests invited to.*
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

ADMISSION COST:*NIL***FUNDS RAISED:***NIL***NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:**

W.I. MEMBERS:10**NON-MEMBERS:**6

Approx. how many volunteer hours were contributed to this session? _____

Did your ROSE Session help you to attain new WI members? YES 1 NO _____**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

It was years before she could return home. She spoke of her memories on her return trip to Halifax in 2006 to Pier 21 where they landed. 300 War Brides made the trip and only 18 couples are still together. Joyce had 4 children and was married for 49 years. She now lives in Sutton alone.

Entertainment

A "Name That Tune" contest followed with songs that were popular 60 years ago being played. A social time followed.

(If additional space is required, please use a blank sheet and attach)

NEXT SESSION DATE:**NEXT SESSION DESCRIPTION:***Don't know yet. Programme submitted in June*

Thank you for your information. This will assist us greatly in promoting and evaluating the ROSE Program in the future!!

TWEEDSMUIR AND ANNUAL MEETING REPORT. APRIL 16th 1.30 pm 2008-- 2009.

BRANCH --- WALLACETOWN W. I. 2008-- 2009.

DISTRICT ---- ELGIN COUNTY.

C URATOR. --- Helen Van Brenk.
31846 ERIN LINE.
RR#1. FINGAL. ONTARIO. NOLIKO.

WORKING ON NUMBER 9 TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY BOOK. EIHHT BOOKS HAVE BEEN
DIGITIZATION AT THE ELGIN COUNTY ARCHIVES, ARE ON THE INTERNET.

www.elgin.ca/tweedsmuir.

HAVE ADDED 30 PAGES TO NUMBER 9BOOK.

W.I. ACTIVITIES 19 PAGES ON ----WALLACETOWN W.I. MEETINGS,
LONDON AREA CONVENTION ,WINTER PICNIC , DAFFODIL TEA,

2PAGES ON CORN CRIBES BUILT 1940.

7PAGES ON BACHUS PAGES HOUSE MUSEUM.

4 PAGES ON COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.

1 PAGE ON ---- CHURCHES, SPORTS, GRADUATES, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY,
BIRTHDAYS.

3 PAGES ON WALLACETOWN FAIR 2008.

HAVE PUBLISHED WALLACETOWN W. I. TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY ON DEC 2000.

FUTURE PROJECTS.

HOUSE LOGS.
OLD BARNs. - CORN CRIBS.
OLD STORIES AND SAYINGS FROM THE PAST.

You are invited to commemorate the life of

as the past members of the Wallacetown Women's Institute
are being honoured for their many years of service and commitment
to their community and "Home and Country".

Thursday, May 7th 2009

1:30 pm

South Dunwich Community Hall
Wallacetown

Educational and Cultural Activities
Grandmothers Meeting
Convenor - Louie Lackey

Reunion
of the Past Members of the Wallacetown Women's Institute
History over the past 97 years
In Memoriam - For Past Members

Speaker - Margaret Hull
... on her involvement with Education Day at Backus-Page
... with the Walking Trails of Elgin
... her Tai Chi exercise group

RSVP by April 21st 2009
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