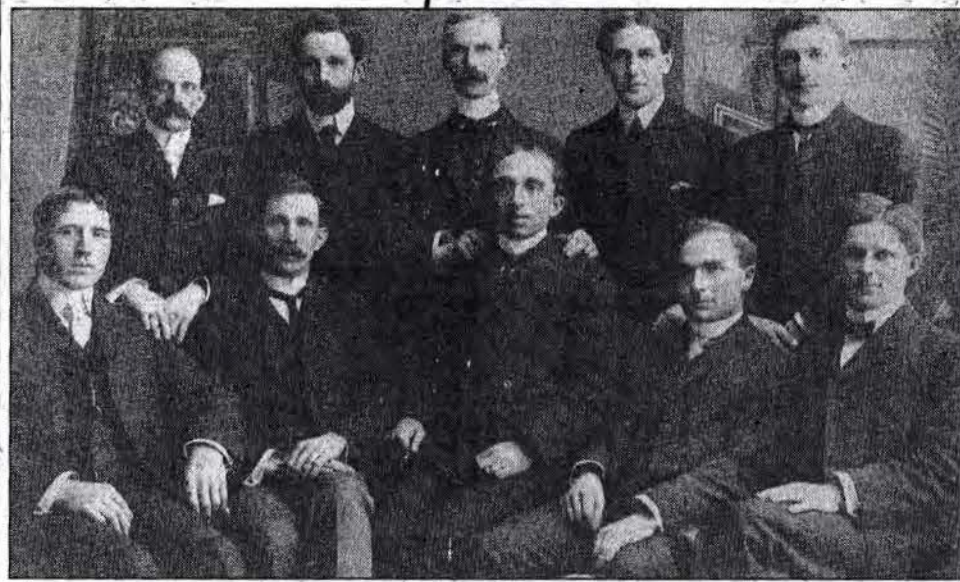


The Chronicle Scrapbook

Sept 25th 2008



The Wallacetown Carnival Committee - 1905

SUBMITTED

Jim Crane submitted this photo of the 1905 Wallacetown Fair Board to The Chronicle. He found it after it had been hidden since 1959. Back row - John S. McColl (baseball player), Dr. J.W Crane (country doctor), John Cameron (veteran merchant), Ernie McKee and Ed Koehler (Tyrconnell Freshman). Front Row - Jack McKillop (Back St. Farmer), W.M Flum (oil and gas expert), Harry Drmgole (Elgin County Warden), Bert Gow, and Joe McGill (oil expert from Petrolia).

Steve Peters, M.P.P.

542 Talbot St. St. Thomas, ON N5P 1C4



Wallacetown Cheese Factory – Wallacetown, 1900

Dec 2008

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Tyrconnell Fisheries – Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich

Dec 2008

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St. Thomas Times-Journal, Tuesday, March 3, 2009 – 16

LIFE



TIMES-JOURNAL

**BYGONE
DAYS**

OPENING OF TALBOT TRAIL, 1981:

The official opening of the Talbot Trail from Windsor to Fort Erie was held on June 1, 1981. Elgin representatives met at Port Talbot to commemorate the event. From left to right - Aylmer Councillor Don Pearson, Aylmer Mayor Forrest Moore, St. Thomas Mayor Doug Tarry, Elgin County Warden Ken Monteith, Port Stanley Reeve Ray Lavereau and St. Thomas Aldermen Peter Laing and Colin Thacker. (This photo is part of the St. Thomas Times-Journal Collection, courtesy of the Elgin County Archives. Anyone with information, questions about the photo or seeking reprints, please call the archives at 519-631-1460, ext. 154.)

Christmas At Malahide Castle

Arthur Pegg

Port Talbot: In 1986, an Open House was held by the Talbot Estate Foundation at the Ker family residence – previous home of Colonel Thomas Talbot. The occasion allowed for free "public awareness" tours to view the heritage home, and help to secure potential funding to conserve and preserve this architectural gem of Canadian heritage.

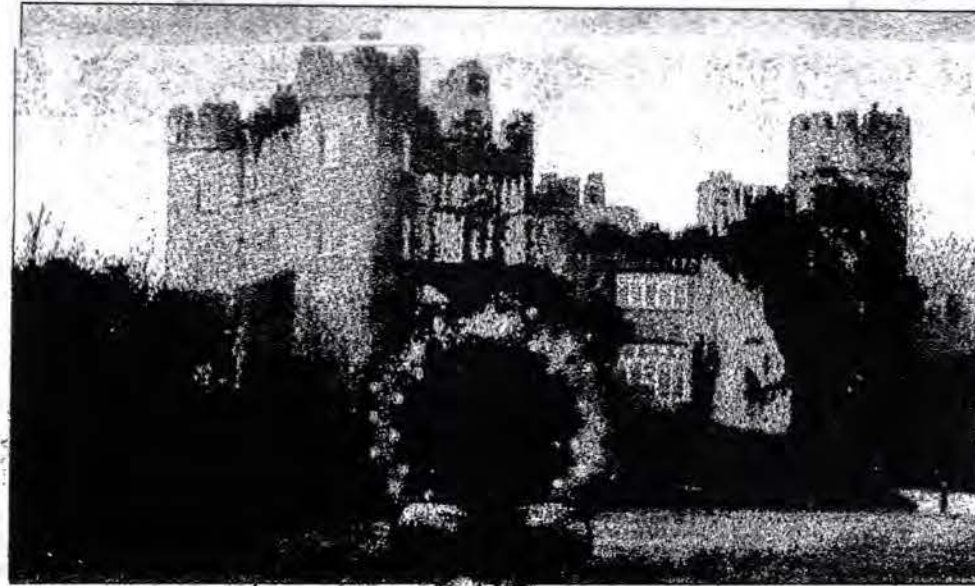
The history of the Talbot era began on this property over 200 years ago when, in 1803, Colonel Talbot built a log cabin, then in 1806 he started to build another structure, the "Old House", completed in 1833. Architectural changes continued through the years, and the lands and buildings became known as Port Talbot and Talbot's home was named "Malahide Castle" after the ancestral home in Ireland.

The house was demolished during Christmas time in 1997 – a significant loss to our Canadian heritage and culture. Professor Landon of the University of Western Ontario referred to the Talbot Home as the "hearth of history" in this region.

Through the gracious hospitality of the Ker family, I had visited the house often. During such visits, I photographed the exterior and interior, including the entrance door and hall, fireplace area, rooms, parts of the "Old House" and the abutted "Guest House", the library, furnishings such as Talbot's desk, the "settlers' bench", and mirror, the wine cellar, and artifacts related to the Talbot era.

With the house now being gone some 11 years ago and given the time of the year, one wonders what Christmas would have been like at Port Talbot and at Malahide House.

If you did not live in the settlement,



you would have to travel the snow covered corduroy roads to get to this backwoods destination, an arduous task even in good weather.

The road leading to Colonel Talbot's home in his time wound in and around through the "Colonel's woods", reaching the creek where a bridge led to the "Burwell" buildings and mill pond and the Talbot buildings near the mouth of the creek. The road to Malahide Castle "skirted the ravine and zigzagged back and forth up the hill until the entrance at the east end of the dwelling was reached."

Malahide of the mid-1830's is described as "a long range of low-buildings, formed of logs and shingles, the main building consisting of three divisions, with granary and storeroom occupying the east end and through which you passed to the audience chamber, dining room and kitchen area. The centre room was where the Colonel transacted all business and received all (admitted) visitors.

Visitor accounts to Malahide Castle are colourful. Although they do not directly refer to the Christmas season, they were recorded by settlers, military

personnel, and prominent people of this early colonization period who visited the Colonel at various times of the year. Such accounts note that sheep and chickens grazed on the grounds surrounding the "Castle", and that geese and other poultry were plentiful and cat skins (lynx and cougar) and other hides were hung in the vestibule – sacks of wheat and sheepskins were stored in the hallway.

A brief reference to Christmas in 'A Statistical Account of Upper Canada' notes that for the Malahide area, "the Christmas Holydays are observed in the usual manner". Imagine a Christmas at the home of Colonel Talbot; a nostalgic view into the past and part of our regional heritage.

Colonel Talbot may have spent Christmas with his servants and select guests; the home may have been modestly decorated with the usual 19th century festive decorations. Christmas fare would have included the traditional food and drink of the period. The following accounts are examples of the many records that describe the wildlife, agricultural products and fish available to Port Talbot settlers.

Elizabeth Simcoe, who visited the Talbot Settlement, noted in her diary the abundance of wild and cultivated fruits. She notes that she had "coffee made of peas"...sugar was made from black walnut trees and that she feasted upon eggs, boiled black squirrel, tea, bacon and salt fish. Fresh fish from Lake Erie would have been on the menu as well. It is noted too that special occasions such as Christmas and New Year's Day called for open fire roasted boar's head, cooked pork roast, pigeon, partridge and squirrel. The root cellar was filled in the fall with potatoes, turnips, parsnips, carrots, pumpkin, squash and available at Christmas. Other festive fare included cheeses, stewed goose, turkey, roast venison with currant jelly, venison pie, chicken pie, cranberry tarts, roast porcupine and stews and, of course, plumb pudding, apple tart, and trifle. Drinking fare included spirits such as brandy and whiskey and the wine cellar would be well stocked.

The kitchen in Malahide house was reached by a long semi-circular passage from the dining room. The huge fireplace that would have been used to cook some of the above fare was provided with massive andirons and large ovens at the side, with a "spit" for roasting purposes and a crane for the hanging of pots and kettles.

The late 1840's brought changes to Colonel Talbot's home; new additions and renovations brought the house and grounds into a new era but the interesting history of the early days of the Baron of Lake Erie remain colourful and interesting to reflect upon. Imagine Christmas with Colonel Talbot!

(Arthur Pegg is an historian, curator and freelance writer with a particular interest in local and regional history. He is a member of the Chatham-Kent Wind Action Group and resides in Blenheim.)

Erie

A poem by Brandon Armstrong

Tyrconnell beach, on Erie's shore
 Open is my mind's door
 Eternal pillar, once led to isle
 Here I sit, with a smile
 She is old, formed by melted ice
 The waves roll, like nature's dice
 The sand, the waves, the sky, the bluff
 For a restless soul it is not enough
 From the Atlantic surf, to this bay
 For this lake, just another day
 Last lake discovered by the white man

To the Natives, they knew her sands
 This beach is old, I am young
 It will be here, when I'm long gone
 Niagara east, Detroit west
 The warm lake winds fill my chest
 Formed so long ago
 From pure, ice age snow
 From brown, to green, then light blue sheen
 You eternal sand moving machine
 You eat the cliffs, shape the shore
 The waves will roll forevermore
 We fished you dry, and left you to die
 A freshwater tear you did cry
 Your memory is long, our time is short

You'll be here, when men are not
 In eighteen twelve you saw a fight
 To us a duel between empires might
 To you just another day
 Some more shipwrecks in your clay
 In winter you freeze across
 A bridge for natives and pioneers
 to cross
 In summer your waters warm
 Families and children your beaches
 adorn
 In fall comes fog, colour, and storms
 Harvest moons, and days that warm
 Spring majestic, though often rain

Waves wash away winters pain
 Two children of England claim
 your shores
 Where native empires, stood before
 To you it's just the games of men
 For your waves roll in, and out again
 I must return to my home
 From your shores I will roam
 To the south a coming storm
 You push me away
 The clouds and wind warn
 I will come back, on a better day
 To hear your surf
 Swish and sway



Terry Carroll

Earl Bobier's last song

Dec 9th 2010

It's good to have other people to blame for your weaknesses, and I blame Earl Bobier for my fondness for country music from 1900 to 1959.

I was probably nine years old when I first heard Earl with the Stewart McIntyre orchestra at SS No. 3 School in Dunwich, now the Crinan Community Centre. Earl was pounding the piano and belting out, "Sometimes I live in the country. Sometimes I live in the town. Sometimes I take a good notion, To jump in the river and drown." It was "Irene, Good Night," of course – a waltz beat for a country dance and lyrics to make a kid shiver.

Earl died November 26. He had been singing in the choir at Bobier Villa in Dutton a couple of days before.

The name Bobier sounds French, but the family was Irish in origin. Earl combined a ready smile and a twinkle in his eye with a certain melancholia

for which the Emerald Isle and country music are both famous.

He came from a family known more for the music in their souls than for their ability to plough a straight furrow or get rich at it. In 1951, Earl's uncle Josh, an old-time fiddler, entertained people at his home for his 93rd birthday. Earl's brother Carl joined Josh on fiddle, and Jack Bobier pumped the organ.

At the visitation for Earl in Dutton, the family had propped up a photograph of the Lake Erie Ramblers from 1948, including Earl and his brother Carl looking like Hank Williams and The Drifting Cowboys. Earl was adept at piano, banjo and guitar. Over the years, he assembled a collection of more exotic instruments, including an auto-harp his wife Betty played.

The on-line version of his obituary contains a typo. "Earl Stuart Bobier of the Bobier Villa, Dutton has played his last song. He is now playing with the angles."

Earl, Carl and the other members of "The Angles" will be getting a big laugh out of that just before they issue the call for the last square dance of the night.

Historic bell dedicated to past Lion member

Oct 7th 2010

Jesse Cnockaert
 The Chronicle

On October 16, a historic bell will be dedicated to Caledonia TWO, Dutton, to the memory of Terry Heeny, who was the last original charter member of the organization before he passed away in 2009.

Patrick Terrance (Terry) Heeney, was a charter member of the Dutton and District Lions Club when it started in 1967, and he stayed a member for the next 42 years. The bell that will be dedicated to his memory was first purchased in 1883 in

Seneca Falls, New York, and placed at the first school in Dutton. It was moved to the new Dutton public school in 1887, and was moved to the Anglican Church in the 1940's.

The church was deconsecrated in 2008, but the Lions Club retrieved the bell to preserve a piece of local history.

"It was Terry's idea to get the bell and put it in a suitable location," said Bob Hales, Chair of the Dutton and District Lions. "He was a very active member of the senior centre in Dutton."

The bell will be dedi-

cated at 1:00 a.m.

Heeny's daughter, Judy McMillan, 48, of Duart described her father as a man who loved visiting and helping people.

"We're very honored that they thought enough about dad to do that," said McMillan. "He would be very pleased to know [the bell] is in its place."

Heeny was active in the community as a Lion, a volunteer with Canadian Blood Donor Services, volunteer driver with the West Elgin Community Health Centre, and canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society.

ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

14th District Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2010 @ 5:30 PM
Argyle Presbyterian Church, Crinan
14444 Graham Road, ON



Theme: "GETTING INVOLVED"

2011-2012

ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT OFFICERS 2010-2011

Past President	Grace Campbell	519-762-5133
President	Faye Thorn	519-782-4149
1 st Vice-Pres.	Mary Ann Caughell	519-769-2239
2 nd Vice-Pres.	Kathy Minnema	519-762-2766
Secretary	Joan Mansell	519-631-1623
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Asst. ROSE Co-or.	Marion McKenzie	519-631-3647
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Asst. Tweedsmuir Cur.	Mary Clutterbuck	519-769-2822
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Asst. Scholarship	Jean Gooding	519-631-1731
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Asst. Museum Rep.	Helen Van Brenk	519-762-6454
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Children's Hospital	Madeleine Jenkins	519-644-1946
Area Conv. Delegate	Faye Thorn	519-782-4149
Alt. Area Conv. Del.	Mary Ann Caughell	519-769-2239
Financial Examiner	Jacqueline Leitch	519-762-5294
Financial Examiner	Lois Woolner	519-693-4343
Nominating Com.	Shirley Walker	519-768-1095
Nominating Com.	Annie Isobel Tait	519-762-5303
Nominating Com.	Pauline Lindsay	519-631-5247
Pianist	Shirley Walker	

AREA VOTING DELEGATE Rie Van Steeg 519-245-6785
25 BATTERY COURT, R.R.6, STRATHROY, ON N7G 3H7



From (4)
1 VICE-PRES KATHY MINNEMA
2 Sec - JOAN MANSSELL
3 PRES - FAYE THORN
4 Post Pres - GRACE CAMPBELL
5 LOIS WOOLNER - FINANCIAL EXAM.

HOSTESS BRANCHES: Crinan & West Lorne

***NOTE:** Potluck Supper at 5:30 PM
Bring your mug, dishes and cutlery

REGISTRATION: 6:45 - 7:00 PM

WELCOME: Opening Ode & Mary Stewart Collect
President's Address

IN MEMORIAM: Yarmouth Glen
HYMN: "Hymn of all Nations"

GREETINGS: London Area President – Berniece Harris
Middlesex East President – Berniece Harris
Middlesex Northwest President – Rie Van Steeg
London Area Voting Delegate – Rie Van Steeg
Provincial Southern Region Board Director – Marlene Archer

Ratification of Branch District Directors – Faye Thorn

ROLL CALL: Pennies for Friendship (2 members to present)

*State branch name, amount donated, members attending today,
how many active members, and annual total volunteer hours.

*Comment on a special event held during the past year.

MINUTES of 2010 District Annual (circulated)

TREASURERS Report:

FINANCIAL EXAMINERS Report:

CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS:

CONVENOR Reports:

Cancer Tea Report
ROSE Coordinator
Public Relations Officer
Tweedsmuir Curator
Advocacy Convener
4-H Scholarships

REPRESENTATIVES:

Elgin Farm Safety
Elgin County Museum
Children's Hospital of Western Ontario
LAMP

2011 - 2012 BRANCH TWINS:

Boxall & Yarmouth Glen
Middlemarch & Crinan
Clachan & West Lorne

Kingsmill-Mapleton & Wallacetown
Shedden & Cowal

***BRANCHES** to donate items for the Country Store at the London Area Convention, Mount Brydges, Caradoc Centre - October 13, 2011.

***Nominations** for WOMAN of EXCELLENCE FAIR award are to be submitted to a District Executive member before deadline of June 1, 2011.

LIGHT & LIVELY: Kingsmill-Mapleton

ELGIN MUSEUM CURATOR: Mike Baker

Nominations Committee Report:

Election of Officers & Installation: Berniece Harris

Collection: West Lorne

New Business:

Invitation: Dist. Ann. May 16, 2012 -Yarmouth Glen / Kingsmill-Mapleton

Courtesies: Kathy Minnema

Adjournment

O' Canada

Hymn of All Nations

This is my song, O God of all the Nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my love, the country where my heart is
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams the same as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are sometimes blue as mine,
Oh hear my song, then God of all the Nations
A song of peace for their land and mine.

ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT OFFICERS 2011-2012.



1 LUELLE MONTEITH, 2 MARY CLUTTERBUCK, 3 Helen VAN BRENIK, 4 MARION MCKENZIE.



1 JACQUELINE LEITCH 2 JEAN GOODING



1 JOANNE ERICKSON 2 PAULINE LINDSAY.

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

On thursday April 21st, 9 members of the Wallacetown W.I. met at the home of President Helen Van Brenk at 1:30 pm. President Helen opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer.

Louie Lackey gave the Annual treasurer's report, along with the total volunteer hours from our members over the past year, being 4,966 hours due to our contribution to the Elgin County International Plowing Match. We have a total of 15 members this year. It was mentioned to check to see if our membership fees could be used in filing income tax returns.

Pres. Helen reported on the Daffodil Tea results with over 80 attending on April 9th. and \$1,752.00 profit was made to give to the Daffodil Society here in West Elgin.

Reports were given on the Elgin County Museum, and the District W.I. Spring Board Meeting. Upcoming events are: Iona Willing Workers - Blooms'n Butterflies Coffee Break on April 30th, 9:30 -12 noon @ Iona Hall; May 4th Lawrence Station Dessert Tea, 7:15 pm @ Lawrence Station Hall; District Annual Meeting @ Crinan Presbyterian Church, May 18th @ 5:30 pm; Strawberry Social at the Backus Page House on June 26th. A thank you note was read from Louie (member) & Don Lackey on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. There were some requests for donations read and dealt with. Ruby McGugan showed a white Teddy Bear she has knitted for Elgin W.I. District to give away at the London Area Convention on October 13th.

Kathy Minnema read the minutes of the last meeting. Darlene Ford and Louie Lackey will make arrangements for the Christmas get-together this year. A committee has been set up for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary in 2012. It was decided to cater the 90th birthday party for Norman McWilliam on June 4th Pres. Helen had the Tweedsmuir Book # 9 on display along with House Logs and scrap book for everyone to browse through.

Louie Lackey read the list of Officers for 2011 & 2012 as follows: President - Helen Van Brenk; Vice President - Kathy Minnema; Secretary - Joan McLandress; Assistant Secretary - Kathy Minnema; Treasurer - Louie Lackey; District Director - Helen Van Brenk; Alternate District Director - Kathy Minnema; Tweedsmuir Curator - Helen Van Brenk; Auditors - Joan Johnston & Kay Waite; Rep. to Bobier Villa - Sally McIntyre; Rep. to Elgin County Museum - Helen Van Brenk; Advocay Convenor - Sally McIntyre; Cards & Cheer - Kay Lilley; Press Reporter - Kathy Minnema. The Installation of Officers for 2011 & 2012 was performed by member Darlene Ford.

Helen Van Brenk was the convenor for this meeting. The Roll Call: Identify a heritage resource in your community and explain your choice. The Duff Largie Church, Seniors Club in Dutton, West Lorne Cookery Bank (Barn), St. Peter's Church, Ruby McGugan's house, Nativity Church in Dutton, United Church in Wallacetown, and Helen Van Brenk's farm house.

The Institute Grace was sung and a lovely "Afternoon English Tea" of scones and strawberry jam was serve by Joan Johnston & Darlene Ford. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 5th: lunch at Mancari's @ 12 noon. Meeting at John Kenneth Gailbraith Library. Roll Call: Type of books you like to read.



1 Helen VAN BRENK² DARLENE FORD

3 JOAN JOHNSON⁴ LOUIE LACKEY.

IN YOUTH WE LEARN, WITH AGE WE UNDERSTAND

1) Doing: It's not about getting a chance, it's taking a chance.

Through life there are many opportunities given to us, and we question whether we can do this, make the right decisions for lasting memories, don't have regrets if you really want to do it, go for it, no matter what the age!

2) Feeling: If you are smiling, your doing something right.

People who smile, or laugh are just plain happy people. Life is positive not negative. Others want to be around you. Showing your feelings, and emotions, are a way of showing our strengths and weaknesses. Why does it matter what others think? We all have feelings no matter what age we are, showing them to others makes you human.

3) Seeing: You can't change who you are, but you can make the most of who you become.

Except what you are and who you are, and learn to make the most of it. Enhance the good things in you. That is what will make people take notice. It's okay to be angry, but never okay to be cruel. We all have things we want to change, just ask yourself if that change is good.

4) Learning: Don't be afraid to make mistakes, it's the experience that makes you learn.

Things happen for a reason, making mistakes gives you the opportunity to try things another way. Being set in your ways, means your not learning anything new. Life is all about experience, and creating memories. It gives you something to look back on when your alone and need to be comforted. They last for a lifetime.

5) Walking: Remember change happens for a reason, Roll with it! It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

Taking baby steps is the best way. It builds confidence, character, and knowledge. New experiences are put in our paths, at all stages of our life, good or bad. We must learn from them and move on. Giving advice can help others along the way. But also opening our minds keeps us informed to what is going on around us.

All the things you are told when you are young, you grow to understand with age.

March 3rd, 2011 - Kathy Minnema's motto.

TWEEDSMUIR and ANNUAL MEETING REPORT
2010 - 2011

April 21st 2011 - 1-30pm

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OFFICERS - 2010 - 2011

PRESIDENT: Helen Van Brenk

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Kathy Minnema

SECRETARY: Joan McLandress

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Kathy Minnema

TREASURER: Louie Lackey

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Helen Van Brenk

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR: Kathy Minnema

PRESS REPORTER: Kathy Minnema

AUDITORS: Joan Johnston and Kay Waite

TWEEDSMUIR CURATOR: Helen Van Brenk

ADVOCACY CURATOR: Sally McIntyre

REP to BOBIER VILLA: Sally McIntyre

REP to ELGIN COUNTY MUSEUM: Helen Van Brenk

CARDS & CHEER: Kay Lilley

ROSE EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR: All members

1 MARY GILLET, 2 KATHY MINNEMA, 3 JOAN McLandress 4 Kay Waite.



RUBY MCGUGAN

**TWEEDSMUIR and ANNUAL MEETING REPORT
2010 - 2011**

Branch: Wallacetown Women's Institute

District: Elgin County

Curator: Helen Van Brenk
31846 Erin Line, R.R. # 1
FINGAL, Ontario, N0L 1K0

WORKING ON # 9 TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY BOOK

I have added 36 pages to Book # 9 of the Wallacetown W.I. Tweedsmuir History Book.

Topics Included:

- * 1 Page on sports.
- * 8 Pages of Old Barns, Silos, and Corn Cribs.
- * 7 Pages of the Elgin County International Plowing Match, plus Queen of the Furrow.
- * 6 Pages on 150 Anniversary of the Wallacetown Agricultural Fair.
- * 2 Pages on Quilt Blocks put on Barns for tourist attraction in Elgin County.
- * 4 Pages on Arts & Cookery Bank in West Lorne and the 1883 Barn donated by Mary Gillett.
- * 7 Pages on Wallacetown W.I. meeting reports.
- * 1 Page on the Daffodil Tea on April 9th 2011.

Wallacetown W.I. has published Wallacetown History Book in 2000

Future Projects:

- * House Logs
- * Old Barns, Corn Cribs, Grain Bins and Barn Quilts.
- * Sports (Local Teams)

* Record in photos of Older Houses that have been built. dayer (old homes of the past).

Wallacetown W.I. learns history of Elgin County Library

Wallacetown Women's Institute News

Kathy Minnema

On May 5 the Wallacetown Women's Institute met at Mancari's Restaurant in Dutton for lunch at noon. There were 10 members and three guests present.

Following lunch we went to the John Kenneth Galbraith Reference Library for our meeting and to learn about the 75th Anniversary of the Elgin County Library.

President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting in the usual manner. The reports were given. We welcome a new member Jeanie Gow Leitch who was a member of the Tryconnell Women's Institute before they disbanded. We received a cheque from the Elgin County International Plowing Match for the time volunteered during this event last September by our members.

Ruth Rueger attended the Iona Willing Workers - Blooms'n Butterflies Coffee Break on April 30 held

at the Iona Hall. Helen Van Brenk, Kay Waite and Darlene Ford attended the Lawrence Station Dessert Tea held on May 4.

Kathy Minnema reported on the requirements needed for the catering of Norman McWilliams 90th Birthday Party on June 4. A date to has been set to celebrate our 100th Anniversary next year on June 16, 2012.

The meeting was then turned over to convenor Kathy Minnema, who read the motto: "Reading is Your Mind in Bloom". The Roll Call: Name the type of book you like to read! Answers: Mystery Thrillers, Short Stories, Biographies, Historic Novels, and Romance.

Mary Lou McMillan was introduced as our speaker for the afternoon. She spoke on the 75th Anniversary of the Elgin County Library. There are 10 branches across the County of Elgin, not including St. Thomas. Our library here in Dutton belongs to our municipality and the county rents it from them. Brian Masschaele is the Administrator of all the libraries and the Archives, which are found

at the County Building south of St. Thomas. A van is used to deliver books between the 10 libraries two days a week here in West Elgin, so the waiting period is short for books if they are already in the county system. There are a large number of materials found in the library for our use like CD's, cassettes, DVD's, magazines, both regular and large print books for all ages, computers to use and the new Kobo reader systems are at our disposal. We are very fortunate to have this in our community.

Mary Lou gave us a history of the library and its locations here in Dutton. In 1897 the first library opened and Miss McCallum was the first librarian who held this position for 64 years. There have been four locations in Dutton over the years.

Mary Lou McMillan became the librarian in 1978 and the new building was built in 1993. One of our members, Darlene Ford, remembers going to council to promote the usefulness of having a new and bigger library in our village. It is like a lifeline for many

people throughout Dutton and Dunwich Township.

In 2003 the library was renamed John Kenneth Galbraith Reference Library. Here you will find programs for all ages throughout the week, and books are delivered to the seniors at both Caledonia 1 and 2.

Kathy thanked Mary Lou for speaking to us. Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next meeting: June 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sally McIntyre. Roll Call:

Bring an object from China.

1 Ruth Rueger 2 KATHY MINNEMA 3 DOROTHEA MONTEITH.



1 MARY LOU McMILLAN 2 JOAN McLANDRESS.

DUTTON LIBRARY

This poem was written to honor the Dutton Library on the completion of its 74 years of service in 1965. ^{It} ~~and~~ became on January 1st, 1966, Elgin County Library, Dutton Branch. It was written and composed by Mrs. Alex. McWilliam, R.R. # I, Dutton, Ont.

OUR LIBRARY ^{Nov. 18. Dec. 31st.}
----- - 1892 - 1966

It hands to us the golden keys
That from dull care our spirit frees
And ~~lets~~ lets us travel where we please
Yet never leave the library.

It carries us with magic oar
To many a distant alien shore
Where trade winds blow forever more,
We travel there by library.

It guards the wisdom down the years
That has been gained by sweat and tears
To heal mankind of many fears,
It's safe within the library.

It treasures priceless words of men
That never might be writ again
Inspired lines that sages pen
Are kept within our library.

It serves the young and questing mind,
Unlocks its knowledge to the blind,
And is a boon to all mankind,
There's no place like a library.

Today our own Naomi Green
Lends skill and lustre to the scene,
Among her books she reigns a queen
And guards our Dutton Library.

Long may we cherish with delight
And ever keep the image bright
Of that which is our prized birthright
Our own beloved library.

75th anniversary celebrated at Elgin County libraries

Jesse Cnockaert
The Chronicle

May 5th 2011

The Elgin County Library and its place in local communities was celebrated last week at its 75th anniversary.

The Elgin County Library (ECL) is currently made up of ten branches, including the West Lorne and Rodney Libraries and the John Kenneth Galbraith Reference Library in Dutton.

The ECL was first established in April, 1936 as the Elgin County Library Association with only five branches. This library co-op reformed in January, 1948 as the Elgin County Library Co-Operative and, in January, 1966, became the Elgin County Library.

On April 28, people gathered at the John Kenneth Galbraith Library in Dutton to celebrate the 75-year milestone.

"Great libraries positions itself as the very heart and soul of the community with an active role in improving the community it serves," said Cathy Bishop, the former Director of Cultural Services for Elgin County. "Libraries in

Elgin County have become multi-purpose agencies with multiple roles covering areas of information, life-long learning, recreation and leisure, culture and research"

The Dutton Library was established in 1892 and joined the Elgin County Library Association in 1940. The library was run by the Dutton Public Library Board until 1966 when it officially became the Dutton branch of the Elgin County Library.

The Rodney Library joined the Elgin County Library Association in 1936 and continued its membership when the Elgin County Library Co-operative was formed in 1947.

Both the Rodney and West Lorne Libraries were among the original libraries included when the Elgin County Library System was formed.

At the anniversary service in Dutton, guest speakers included Cameron McWilliam, Mayor of Dutton/Dunwich, and Jerry Galbraith, nephew to John Kenneth Galbraith, the economist and author after whom the Dutton Library was named.

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"This proves what is possible in a rural community. When people walk in here, they really see the cutting edge of what we're doing in our library system," said Brian Masschaele, the current Elgin County Director of Community and Cultural Services.

To learn more about the Elgin County Library and its branches, visit <http://www.elgin.ca>.

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■ WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Mary Gillet, and Sally and John McIntyre shared their visits to China with pictures and souvenirs

Tourists captivated by red clay warriors

KATHY MINNEMA
For the Times-Journal

The Wallacetown Women's Institute met at the home of Sally and John McIntyre for their June meeting.

In January of 2010, Sally and John travelled to China, and in the fall of 2008, Mary Gillet visited the country. So, between them, they shared their experiences with us through pictures and souvenirs.

The highlights of the trip were seeing the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors.

In 1974, a farmer was digging a well and came across these life-size warriors made from red clay. Dating back to the Qin Dynasty, built between 247 and 208 BC, about 6,000 different figures were found. They were built to guard the tomb of the Emperor.

The architecture in the cities they visited was very detailed, along with the paintings inside. Everyone thanked John, Sally and Mary for sharing their experience with us.

Roll call was an item made in China. Items were glass angel, porcelain shoe paperweight, silk scarf, alarm clock, a fan, mattress, outfit, silk material, and a plate.

Vice-president Kathy Minnema opened the meeting portion with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. Joan McLandress read the minutes from the last meeting, and Louie Lackey gave the treasurer's report.

Joan McLandress handed in her autobiography.

Kathy Minnema reported on the District Annual held May 18 at Crinan Presbyterian Church, where 50 ladies were in attendance for the evening program.

Helen Van Brenk, Louie Lackey, Ruth Rueger and Kathy Minnema attended from Wallacetown WI. A total of 11,000 volunteer hours were reported for last year.

This year's Tweedsmuir Workshop is on Aug. 2. The Winter Picnic will be held at the South Dunwich Com-

munity Hall on Feb. 22, 2012, with Shedden and Wallacetown WI hosting.

Joan McLandress handed

in her autobiography and pictures were taken of Joan Johnston and Joan McLandress.

A lovely lunch was served

by Kay Waite and Sally McIntyre after singing the Institute Grace.

■ BYGONE DAYS: Teachers take last look at one-room school

Several former teachers of the Coyne's Corners School attended the closing reunion in July 1966. The school was closed at the end of that school year, along with the other one-room schools in Dunwich Township. Front row, from left — Mrs. E. Bell, of Burlington, who taught from 1942-44; Mrs. Edith Patterson, London, 1921-22; Mrs. Donald Webster, Chatham, 1931-36; Miss Alice Galbraith, Toronto, 1924-27. Back row — Mrs. Norman Welch, Wallacetown, music teacher from 1938-50; Mrs. Harold Hansford, Largie, 1929-31; Mrs. Thelma McFarlane, Wallacetown, 1952-66; Mrs. Annie C. Brown, Wallacetown, 1936-41, 1944-47, and 1951-52; Mrs. Clarence Blue, Dutton, 1927-29; Mrs. A. D. O'Maeley, St. Thomas, 1917-20; Mrs. Donald Leitch, RR 1, Dutton, music teacher from 1965-66; and D. Joseph Hooley, Ridgetown, 1911-12. Anyone with information on this photograph or to request a reprint, please call 519-631-1460 ext. 154. To view or comment on this photograph, visit the Archives' flickr site: <http://bit.ly/cP3YCX>.



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LONDON AREA TWEEDSMUIR WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Huron South & Huron West District Women's Institute

Crediton Community Hall

38 Victoria Ave. (County Rd 10) Crediton, Ontario

THEME: The Changing World of Quilting

- 9:00 – 9:30 am Registration Cost ~~\$2.00~~ ^{\$5.00} – Huron West
Tea, Coffee, Muffins – Huron West
Please bring your own mug and name tag
- 9:30 Welcome: Anne Cattel & Dianna Robinson, Presidents of Huron South & Huron West District Women's Institute
Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect
Introduction of Pat MacDonald, Assistant Curator of London Area W.I.
- 9:45 Speaker – Quilts & Calico – Exeter
- 10:15 Light and Lively – Marg Desjardine
- 10:30 Speaker – The Marsh Store – Coldstream
- 11:00 Roll Call: Each District to bring a quilt and tell its story (2-3 minute story)
- 11:15 Announcements: District of Branch coming events
- 12 noon Institute Grace
Brown Bag Lunch
Beverage Supplied – Huron West
- 1:00 Pat MacDonald – Ontario Genealogical Society partnering
Speaker – Underground Railway
- 2:30 Raffle Draw – fundraiser to help today's expenses
Courtesies and invitation to Curator's Workshop in 2012. (Middlesex East)
O Canada

LINDA BARTLETT 2/ SHIRLEY BOBIER 3/ RIE VAN STEEG. Speakers for the day.



Helen VAN BRENK

MARY CLUTTERBUCK.



Aug 2nd 2011

This is a quilt found
in a Blanket Box
in 1974.

This is a story about Elgin District Quilt

A Roll call at Tweedsmuir Workshop London Area WI
In 1974 Helen Van Brank was in Auction Sale in Wallacetown,
Denwich Township. I saw a blanket box the same as my grandmother.
I bid on it pay \$10.00. Inside was Two quilts made around 1920's.
I put them on my children's beds for years, Then put them away.
I don't know who Quilted them.

Helen Van Brank - Aug 2011

Old saying about corn in the 1800's.
Knee High by the 1st July, by Oct
High as an elephant eye.

Written by Helen VAN BRENK.

Wallacetown's Women's Institute begins 100th year

Kathy Minnema

The first meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute was held on Sept. 6, 1912 at the Wallacetown Hall. There were 16 members present. President Mrs. D.N. Graham, Vice President Mrs. E.V. Docker, Secretary Treasurer Miss M.M. Cameron. It was decided that the meetings be held on the first Thursday of the month.

On Sept. 8, the Wallacetown Women's Institute met at the home of member Joan

McLandress and husband Bill at noon. There were 10 members and two guests present. The convenors were Darlene Ford and Joan McLandress.

The institute grace was sung, after which everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch supplied by all members.

The roll call was to bring a photo of ourselves by the age of six and we were to guess who's photo belonged to who. Eight of the ten members brought in their photo. Kathy Minnema, Ruth Rueger and Darlene Ford guessed

the most correct identities, and received a gift. Darlene then read a few jokes she had received through email, which gave us a laugh.

The meeting was turned over to President Helen Van Brenk, who thanked Joan McLandress for hosting this meeting. The meeting was opened with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. The secretary's minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Sally McIntyre gave the Bobier Villa update on the Harvest Tea

on Oct. 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An invitation came from Harrietsville W.I. for a Fashion Show and Tea on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Kathy Minnema reported on an upcoming membership workshop to be held on Oct. 22 in Thamesford by the FWIO. Helen Van Brenk, Louie Lackey and Kathy Minnema will attend the London Area Convention on Oct. 15.

Helen Van Brenk attended the Tweedsmuir Workshop held on Aug. 2. at the Crediton Community Hall. The topic was on quilts and speakers talked about quilts

made to aid the Underground Railroad era.

President Helen gave everyone their list for the fair dinner on Sept. 30, and changes were discussed.

A special thanks goes out to Bev Galbraith for making up our programs for this coming year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next meeting: Oct. 6 at 12:30 at the South Dunwich Community Hall, and then carpool to the Elgin County Museum. Speaker Mike Baker on the current exhibit.

Jim and Darlene Ford

From: "yvonne brooks" <yvonne.brooks@sympatico.ca>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 12:03 AM
Subject: Vitamin F

Sept 6th 2011

.Have a wonderful weekend my friend. YB

A Friend shared this article with me and I want to share it with you.
Why do I have a variety of friends who are all different in character?
Some of them can be considered marginal even?
How do I get on with them all?

I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me...
With one of them I am a polite, good girl.
I joke with another friend.
I sit down and talk about serious matters with one of them.
With another I giggle at every silly thing.
I have my wine with one
And dance with another.
I listen to one friend's problems and give them advice
Then I listen to another advising me.

They are all like pieces of a jigsaw,
When completed they form a treasure box.
A treasure of friends!
They are my friends who understand me better than myself,
Who support me through good days and bad days.
They are like colourful anti-depressants that I take on different days.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health.
Dr. Oz calls them Vitamins F (from Friends) and counts the benefits of friends to our well being.

Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression
And terminal strokes. If you take Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger
Than your real age. The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in

P.T.O.

your tense moments

It decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50 %.

I am so happy that I have a stock of Vitamins F!

In summary we should value our friends and keep in touch with them.

We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together, not forgetting

To open our mouths big to swallow the floating vitamins F !!!!

Thank you for being one of my vitamins!