

# Wallacetown Fair Maintains Its High Standard and Attracts Large Attendance



1. The finish of the second heat in the 2.28 class sulky race with Frank R., owned and driven by Red Lynn, Dutton, well in the lead of a straggling field trailing in his dust.
2. The Boys' Colt Club, jointly sponsored by the fair board and the St. Thomas Kiwanis Club, exhibited five colts. The boys appear in the order of their standing with Stewart McWilliam Dutton, first at the left; Bruce McMillan, Dutton, second; Tom Keith, chairman of the Kiwanis Club Agricultural Committee; John Allan, St. Thomas, who judged the show; F. S. Thomas, representative of the Department of Agriculture, who organized the club; Donald McLellan, Dutton, third; Earle Lucas, Wallacetown, fourth; Victor McMillan, Dutton, fifth.
3. Dora Pearce, Wallacetown, with the calf she exhibited as a member of the Boys' and Girls' Calf Club, sponsored by the fair board.
4. Exhibiting teams in the roadster class were Herb Hales (left), Dutton, who took second; Currie & Tervit, Wingham, who took first, and Albert Harding, St. Thomas, who took third.
5. In the show ring, the two girls and five boys of the Boys' and Girls' Calf Club show their animals.
6. Alex Lamont, Rodney, riding his horse, Rex, during the prize-winning stock parade.
7. Some good heavy beef-cattle in the stock parade.
8. The men who ran the show from the starters' stand, J. Bentley (left), Harry Dromgole, J. D. Fraser, D. G. McCallum, Dr. J. A. Hafele and Archie McRae down in front.
9. Two large classes of horses brought out to be judged.
10. The Pressey Boys' Band from Sarnia parading smartly before the packed grandstand.

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The old drill shed which is now used for the exhibition hall was once a shed used by a branch of the Elgin Regiment in Wallacetown. This company was organized at the time of the war of 1812 by General Brock, and was then officially part of the Middlesex Regiment. At the time of the incorporation of Elgin county in 1854, the company became automatically part of the Elgin Regiment and continued for a while until it dropped out of existence due to lack of use. The shed which the soldiers used for drilling was then taken over and has since been used as the exhibition hall for the fair, about fifty years. Every year it is filled to capacity with the fruit exhibit, ladies' work exhibit and domestic science. There are also a number of stands where the merchants from the neighboring towns and cities display their wares.

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## Women Receive Dominion WA Honor



Two long-time members were presented with dominion life memberships in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church when the 75th anniversary of St. Peter's Church WA was marked at Tyrconnell. Between them, Mrs. William S. Pearce of Port Stanley, and Miss Eva Pearce of Wallacetown, have served a total of more than 100 years in the WA. Left to right: Mrs. R. Jones, Wallacetown; Mrs.

Floyd Sifton, Wallacetown; Miss Pearce; Miss Gladys Elliott, St. Thomas, second vice-president of Huron Diocesan WA; Mrs. A. C. Calder of London, Huron Diocesan WA president, who gave the address; Rev. A. Graham, rector of the church; Mrs. Cecil Waite, Port SStanley; Mrs. Graham; Mrs. Pearce and her son, John S. Pearce of Wallacetown. (Photo by Gerry Craven).

### Serve More Than 100 Years

## Long-Time WA Members Honored at Special Event

RIDGETOWN — Two members of St. Peter's Church Woman's Auxiliary of Tyrconnell were honored when they were presented with Dominion life memberships in the WA — the highest honor that can be bestowed on women of the Anglican Church.

Miss Eva Pearce, a member since 1906, has been secretary of the WA since 1923. Her mother, the late Mrs. J. L. Pearce, was secretary from 1896, 10 years after the WA was formed in St. Peter's, until her death in 1923.

Mrs. W. S. Pearce, who celebrated her 86th birthday a few days ago, has been a member since 1907. She has been president since 1951 and still holds that office.

Mrs. A. C. Calder of London, president of the Huron diocesan board of the WA, addressed those who packed the historic church during the service. She said that these two women, who have served a total of more than 100 years in the WA, are true examples of devotion to their church. She added that Christian teaching in the homes today is more important than that given in the school.

The service also marked the 75th anniversary of the WA in St. Peter's Church. The auxiliary was formed just one year after the WA received its dominion charter in Ottawa in 1885.

Mrs. Pearce's membership was presented by her family. Her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca White of Port Stanley, gave her the

silver pin and her son, John S. Pearce of Tyrconnell, gave her the certificate.

Mrs. Floyd Sifton of Wallacetown, a neighbor of Miss Pearce, presented her with the silver pin — the gift of a number of friends and relatives. The certificate was presented by Mrs. R. Jones of Wallacetown.