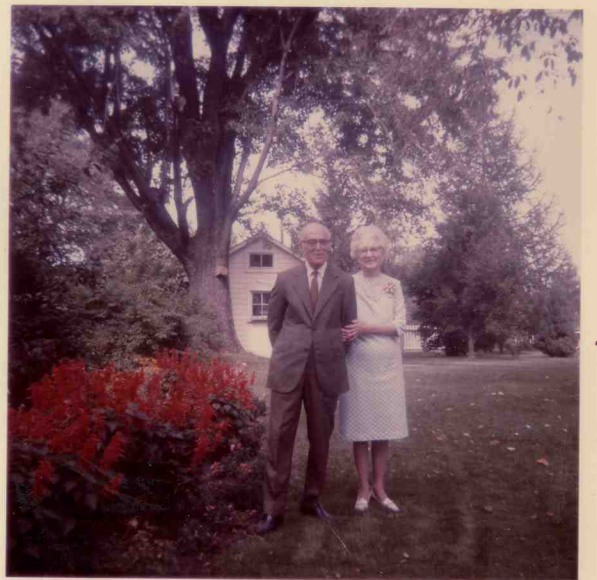




Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hillis celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Wallacetown, Sun., June 21st. They were married in London June 23rd, 1920. Mrs. Hillis was the former Elizabeth Steppler. Mr. and Mrs. Hillis and son Roy served the community for many years, at the Supertest garage.



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poyser of London formerly of Wallacetown celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 19, 1973. They were married in Warwickshire England and came to Canada in 1924. Settling in Elgin County. They have six daughters and one son.



Hazel Halpin and Ezra Martelle were married at St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnell, on Aug. 10th, 1920, marking their 50th Anniversary Aug 9th, 1970, with a reception at their home, and amid the lovely lawns and flowers surrounding it, at Wallacetown

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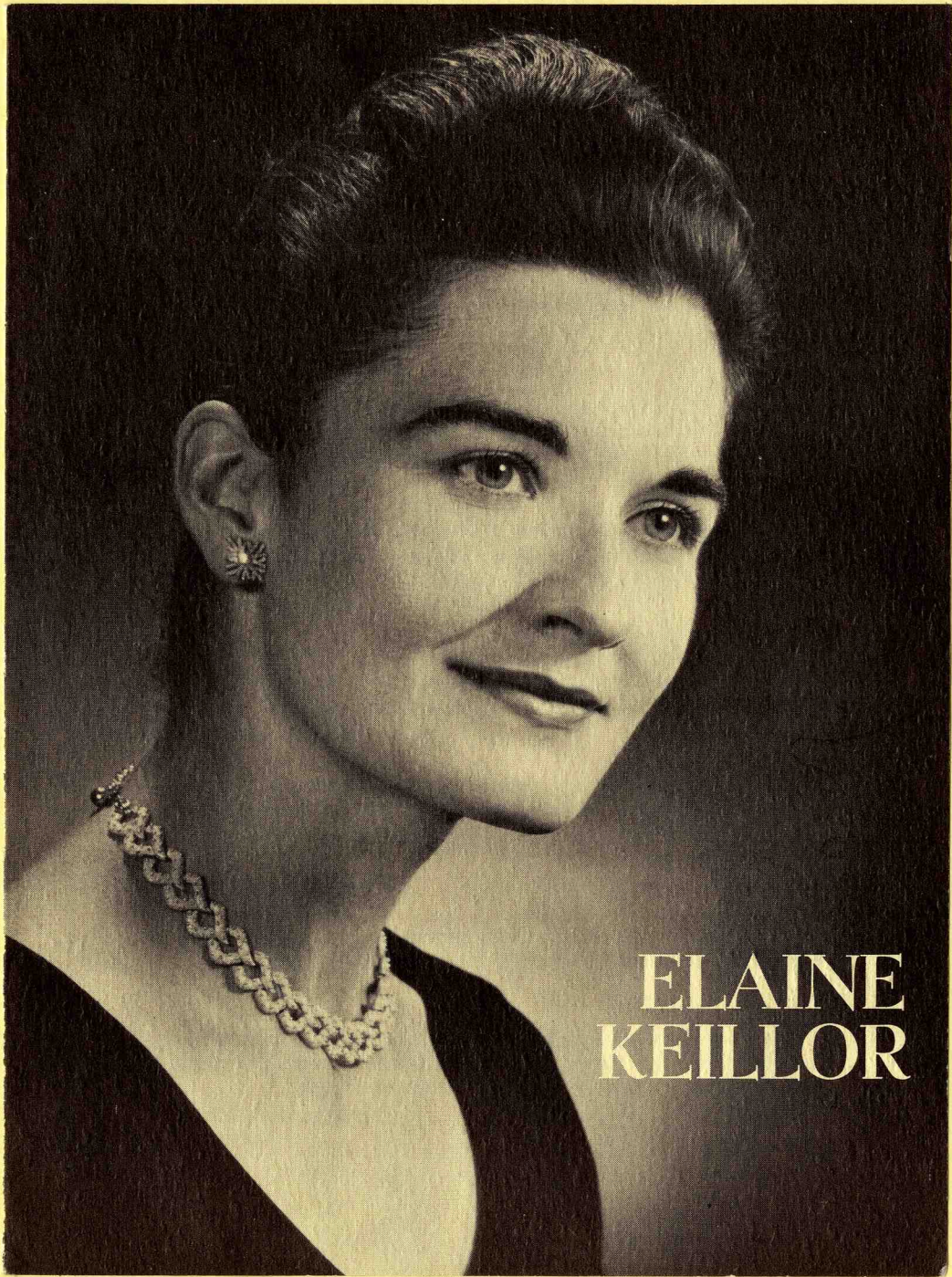
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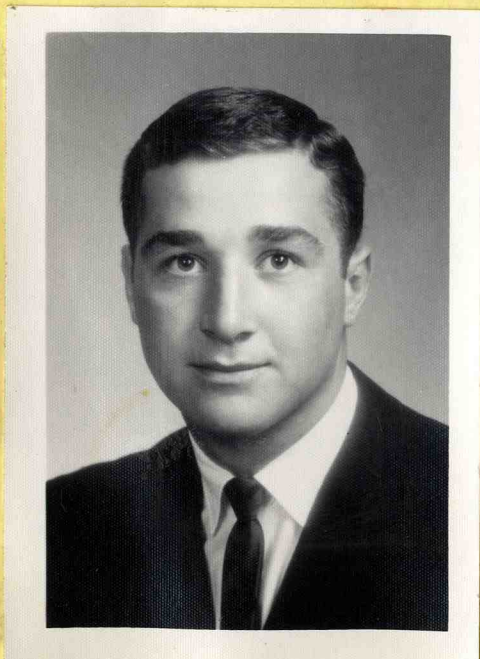
Elaine Keillor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Keillor, Wallacetown received the degree of Ph.D. in music at the Convocation of the University of Toronto, June 8th, 1976. She was the first woman to be granted a Ph.D. from the Department of Music, University of Toronto. Dr. Keillor has been a lecturer at York University during the past year and has accepted a position at Queen's University for 1976-77.

Mrs. Thwaites, Thamesford,

Mrs. Grace Thwaites, formerly Mrs. Henry Farr, of Wallacetown, is gaining fame for her art. She was born in West Lorne, her father being a descendant of the Scottish family of Erskine who later emigrated to Canada. Mrs. Thwaite's interest in art began at an early age and has increased with the passing years. Ten years ago she studied art under supervision in London and found her true vocation. She has many canvasses in homes in Canada and the United States. A recently completed picture of Niagara Falls was sent to Wales. One day the name of Grace Henrietta Thwaites will undoubtedly be listed among eminent Canadian Artists.



"Birchtree"
subject of many
sketches



Jamey Littlejohn Wins Heavyweight

Wrestling Title. 1968.

Jamey Littlejohn, who is attending the University of Guelph, won the heavyweight division of an invitational wrestling tournament at Bob Hayward Y.M.C.A., London.

Jamey joined the wrestling club at West Elgin High School when he was a student there.

He placed second in the 190 lb. class twice in 1969 at Guelph. On May 30, 1970, he competed in Georgetown for the Provincial title, winning two and losing two.



Morley Page presented with Red Cross of honor badge, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shepley, April 15th, 1969, by Mrs. C. C. Crawford, for twenty years service. - President 66-1967



prize winning float 1966
Wallacetown Fair



Red Cross executive
(same year) 1969

MRS. MORLEY PAGE GIVES PAPER ON ORIGIN OF PLACE NAMES

At the April meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute the following paper on district place names was given by Mrs. Morley Page. It created so much interest we prevailed upon Mrs. Page to let us publish it in the *The Advance*.— Ed.

I am most grateful to those who helped provide information in my research for the origin of these district names. There are so few pioneers left and just the odd historian, which makes our Tweedsmuir History so valuable.

We might begin with Dunwich, the county in which we live. From reading old historical books, we find that in 1790 both Dunwich and Southwold were a part of what was then known as Suffolk County. We had the impression that all surveying in the county began with Col. Talbot and Col. Mahlon Burwell but which is not the case.

There is in existence a deed to prove that in 1795, one Lieut. Col. Campbell was granted, by the Crown, a track of 2000 acres along the Thames River to survey and settle. The terms of the agreement being, that a dwelling was to be built on each parcel of land within a given length of time. In two years time, the Colonel died and no one lived on it. However, the land did not revert to the Crown, but the Colonel's ^{heir} inherited it. It is doubtful if the deed was registered in Suffolk County since there were few registry offices in the earliest days of our country. Certainly, it was not entered in the registry office in St. Thomas. Dunwich, Southwold and Suffolk were all names of counties in England and Dunwich was named after Lord Strathborne, who called Viscount Dunwich.

Starting on the Lake Road as the first road, (which incidentally, was not as now, but went from house to house). Near the townline between Dunwich and Aldborough two roads have already tumbled into the lake and the straightening of the Liberty Hill made a part of the fourth road at that section. Near St. Peter's Church there was a first road which ran nearer the lake.

Taking the Lake Road as is now, coming east we have as the first mentioned village

Middlemarch

The name was given by Miss Hattie Robinson (an aunt of Mrs. J.R. Futchers). She had been reading a book of George Elliot and finding the name Middlemarch, thought it would be a nice name for those corners since it was midway between Fingal and St. Thomas and this it was named.

Fingal

An elderly resident tells me that when the village was shaping up, Col Talbot was riding in a cart, or some vehicle of the day, with a friend, and seeing a young lady walking ahead of them (in those days young ladies were scarce) remarked to his friend, "Fine Gal", and from this Fingal got its name. Perhaps too, the Col. remembered that near his home in Ireland were the "Plains of Fingal."

Watson's Corners

The airport in World War II bordered on these corners. Across the road on the other corner was a log building used as both church and school. In the eighteen fifties, Great-Grand* Father Page drove the choir of the Tyronnell Methodist Church, by team and sleigh to an anniversary service to sing, and the anthem they sang was "High in the Belfry the Old Sexton Stands"

Burwell's Corners

This place was named after Col. Mahlon Burwell, who was an early surveyor in the area. It was also the sight of the first registry office in Dunwich Township.

Port Talbot

This was, of course named for Col. Talbot who landed there first in 1801. He returned to Ireland, coming again to Canada two or three years later landing at the same spot, and here on the hilltop he built his Canadian castle "Malahide."

Tyrconnell

Again we see the influence of Col. Talbot. In the reign of James III Richard Talbot in Ireland was known as Earl of Tyrconnell. This was the original name for County Donegal, at the northern tip of Ireland. It was first spelled "Tir," which in Ireland, meant district. In Canada, it was soon a thriving port since all produce was shipped by water. Wide streets for a city were surveyed, and still carry their names, but the railroad coming through soon made changes to this town.

Crossing over to No. 3 Highway, which was at one time called "Back Street" starting east again we have, first

Payne's Mills

Taking its name of Payne, who operated a "Grist" mill about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east on the side road of the corner of the Stock Yards now. Here runs a creek and at the second ravine was built a water mill operated by the family who gave the hamlet its name.

Frome

In 1820, Rev. Joseph Silcox, from Frome in Wiltshire, England, came to Canada and founded a log church on the spot where the brick church now stands, being of congregational denomination. He returned to England and brought back with him a beautiful communion set, from the mother church. It was displayed (and used) in 1970 at their 150th anniversary, being over 400 years old. At that time the Rev. Joseph was highly commended for his religious zeal and for the naming of Frome from his home in England.

Shedden

This village was first named Wilkies Corners, then Crosely and finally when the Canadian Southern Railway came through in 1871 the man who built that section of road carried the name of Shedden, so when the station was built, it was named "Shedden" and this name stuck.

Iona

In 1848, one Duncan McCormick employed George Munro, Esq., to transfer some lots he had surveyed on his farm to a village, and at the same time to christen the village. Mr. Munro stated "You may be sure I didn't forget the Holy Isle". Incidentally, in 560 A.D. St. Columbo from Ireland landed on Iona Isle, Scotland, built a monastery and became the founder of Christianity in Scotland.

Willey's Corners

This place took its name from Moses Willey, who lived on the farm now owned by Morley Griffin.