

- 1936 Glen Dufty, R. 5, St. Thomas, 1936 (Beulah Butler)
Mrs. William Bodkin, R. 3, St. Thomas,
- 1937 James A. McKinlay, R. 1, Port Stanley, 1937 (Ruth White)
Mrs. Carl L. Irwin,
5915 McLynn Ave., Montreal, Quebec.
- 1938 Kenneth Bawden, R. 7, St. Thomas, 1938 (Isobel Turner)
Mrs. Morrison Paulson,
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 1939 Gordon Lyle, R. 7, St. Thomas, 1939 (Norah Curtis)
Miss Norah Curtis, 25 Metcalfe St.,
St. Thomas,
- 1940 Kenneth Burton, 383 Talbot St., St. Thomas, 1940 (Helen Gloin)
Mrs. Murray Harriss, Yarmouth Centre.
- 1941 Mac Charlton, R. 2, Springfield, 1941 (Helen Martyn)
Miss Helen Martyn, R. 4, St. Thomas,
- 1942 Freeman Parker, R. 1, Fingal, 1942 (Wilhemis Hunter)
Mrs. Herb Jackson, R. 2, Port Stanley,
- 1943 Walter Bawden, R. 7, St. Thomas, 1943 (Grace McCormick)
Mrs. Morley Blewett, R. 6, St. Thomas,
- 1944 Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas, 1944 (Ludora Gloin)
Mrs. Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas,
- 1945 Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas, 1945 (Jean Baker)
Mrs. Cal Watson, R. 8, St. Thomas,
- 1946 William Lyle, R. 1, St. Thomas, 1946 (Edith Auckland)
Mrs. Albert Auckland, Talbotville,
- 1947 Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas, 1947 (Helen Mallot)
Mrs. Robert Martin, R. 8, St. Thomas,
- 1948 Fred Charlton, R. 3, Springfield, 1948 (Helen Patterson)
Mrs. James Orchard, 45 Elgin St., St. Thomas,
- 1949 Donald Small, R. 3, Iona Station, 1949 (Wilma Rollins)
Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, R. 1, Union,
- 1950 Leslie Armstrong R. 1, Union, 1950 (Marjorie Carroll)
Mrs. Mac Hunter, R. 1, Iona Station,
- 1951 Grant Burks, R. 2, Springfield, 1951 (Doreen Barker)
Miss Doreen Barker, Springfield,
- 1952 Mac Hunter, R. 1, Port Stanley, 1952 (Kay Ferguson)
Miss Kay Ferguson, R. 6, St. Thomas,

1953 Angus Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station,

1954

Giles Hume, Springfield,

1955

Harold Carroll, R. 1, St. Thomas,

1956 Donald McCallum, R. 2, Dutton,

1957 Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas,

1958 John McNeil, Dutton,

1959 Ronald Shelley, R. 1, Union,

1960 James West, R. 4, Dutton,

1961 Henry Helder, R. 1, Belmont,

1962 Allister Cameron, R. 3, Dutton,

1963 Ralph Cornish, R. 1, Springfield,

1964 Don P. Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station,

1965 Jim Moore, R. 2, Belmont,

1966 Jamey Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station,

1953 (Mary Olde)
Mrs. Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas,

1954 (Yvonne Patterson)
Mrs. Don McCallum, R. 1, Iona Station,

1955 (Donna-Rae Frong)
Miss Donna-Rae Frong, Toronto,

1956 (Margaret McTavish)
Mrs. Don Carroll, R. 3, Iona Station,

1957 (Grace Rivers)
Mrs. Russell Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station,

1958 (Marjorie Horton)
Mrs. Robert Baxter, R. 2, Springfield,

1959 (Mary Howe)
Mrs. Gary Begin, B.L.C. Southwold,

1960 (Carolyn Davis)
Mrs. Allister Cameron, 232 Oakland Ave.,
Apartment 109, London,

1961 (Leta West)
Mrs. James West, R. 4, Dutton,

1962 (Ann Faulkner)
Mrs. Keith Fairfield, St. Catharines,

1963 (Christine Kesteloot)
Miss Christine Kesteloot, R. 1, Vienna,

1964 (Brenda Anger)
Mrs. Jay Anger, R. 2, Harrow,

1965 (Charlotte Davis)
Miss Charlotte Davis,
232 Oakland Ave., Apartment 109, London,

1966 (Linda Webster)
Miss Linda Webster, R. 1, Wallacetown,

Jr. Farmers of Elgin County

History of West Elgin Junior Farmers

On Dec. 16, 1945 the West Elgin Jr. Farmers held its organizational meeting in the Dutton Memorial Hall. Albert Aukland and other members of the executive of the County organization were instrumental in setting up this organization. At this meeting the election of officers for 1946 took place. Ronald Ford became president and Edwing McPherson became secretary.

At the regular meeting in January, Mr. A.V. Langton, newly-appointed Agricultural representative, spoke to the group on Jr. Farmer activities in the province. During the year, 92 members joined at a cost of 25¢ for both local and provincial membership fee. During 1946, three dances were held taking in \$600.00 and spending \$210.00 for the orchestra. Other activities during the first year included sponsoring three 4H clubs, bus tour to hockey game in Toronto, short courses in Ridgetown and a baseball league composed of 5 teams made up from the membership of the club.

In Nov. 1947, the Jr. Farmers started having joint meetings with the Institute members. This was followed by lunch, a new practise that has continued ever since then.

In following years the club participated in many local, county and provincial projects. Among these were the Appeal for Children campaign, Manitoba Flood Relief, Metal name plates for farm driveways, erection of road signs and many others. Among the regular activities the members joined in were inter-county exchanges, field days, debating, public speaking and drama.

In 1948 the meeting place was changed from Dutton to Wallacetown Hall and the members came more from Dunwich township.

Money to carry on the Jr. Farmers many projects has come mostly from dance profits although money has been received from variety nights, box socials, pancake suppers and booths at Wallacetown Fair and the Caledonian Games.

In recent years many members have distinguished themselves in competitions in square dancing and debating.

Although membership in the club has decreased a great deal since the first year it is now averaged out to about 30 members each year. Like everything else the cost of membership has risen from 25¢ to \$1.50. This fee helps to cover the cost of the many activities that are carried on at the three levels of the Junior Farmers organization.

Music Festival was Major Project for Jr. Farmers.

The Elgin County Music Festival was a major undertaking during the 1920's for the members of the Elgin Jr. Farmers and Jr. Institute. After several years however, the project grew too large for them to handle and it was discontinued. It has since been revived under the sponsorship of the St. Thomas Rotary Club and is once again one of the largest events of its kind.



Left to right, Walter Robson, Neil McPhail, Mrs. Dan Moore, John Hux, Clare Blue, Don Mylrea, Margorie Blue, John Stalker, Don Campbell, Clarence Stewart. Dunwich Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Clare Blue Honored by Insurance Co., Jan. 8, 1969.

Twenty-five year's service to Dunwich Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co. as Sec.-Treas. was recognized on Sat. evening when Clarence Blue was honored at a gathering of directors, their wives, and other friends at the Community Hall, Wallacetown. Clare retired from the post at the end of 1968 and the duties have been assumed by Donald Mylrea of Rodney.

Following a delicious roast beef dinner served by the ladies of Wallacetown United Church, Walter Robson, Pres., presided for a short program. He introduced each of the 60 persons present.

Clarence Stewart, the only Dunwich Mutual director still serving who was on the board when Clare took over 25 years ago, voiced appreciation of his services. He referred to the manner in which the Company had progressed during Clare's association with it by stating the surplus 25 years ago was in the neighborhood of \$ 50,000 and today it is well over \$300,000.

Appreciation was also voiced by Mr. Stewart for Mrs. Blue's assistance to Clare not only in the business operation of Dunwich Mutual, but also at social functions sponsored by the Company.

As tangible tokens of the esteem in which they are held, John Stalker, director, presented a cheque to Mr. Blue, while Mrs. Hux, wife of director John Hux, gave Mrs. Blue a pin and earrings set. Both recipients responded, Clare thanking the directors for their co-operation through the years.

The McWilliam Trio, accompanied by Mrs. Donald Leitch, favoured with several songs.

Appreciation for the dinner by Neil McPhail, director, and Mrs. Carl Bobier responded on behalf of the United Church ladies.

A few hands of euchre rounded out the enjoyable evening.

Honor Two Veteran Workers of Canadian Bible Society

"An Evening of Recognition and Appreciation" was the theme of an exceptionally happy gathering of some 55 people who assembled on Monday evening, March 11, 1968 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wallacetown to do honor to two faithful and long-time workers for the Canadian Bible Society, George Jones and Neil McKellar. The proceedings commenced with a beautiful pot luck supper served by a committee of St. Andrew's ladies. At the conclusion of the dinner a handsome birthday cake was presented to Mr. McKellar by his family. It also being the birthday of Merley Page, the two gentlemen participated in the cutting of the cake.

All joined in an old-fashioned hymn sing led by Merley Page, who also contributed two sales, "How Great Thou Art", and "Bless This House", accompanied by Mrs. Murray Brown.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McKellar were called to the front where Mr. Brndjar commended them highly for their long years of service to the Bible Society and presented them with framed, engraved certificates of honor. Mr. Jones who has collected for 46 years, was also the recipient of a beautiful Anglican Hymn and Prayer Book while Mr. McKellar, who was treasurer for over 20 years received a handsome Bible in the new translation. Both gentlemen expressed their gratitude for the honor bestowed on them and felt it had been a privilege to assist in such a worthy endeavor.

A color film of exceptional peer and impact was shown by Mr. Brndjar entitled, "This is the Bible Society".

Rev. John Graham pronounced the benediction. The local executive wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Brndjar, Assistant secretary for Western Ontario District, for organizing the evening and to the officials of St. Andrew's Church for permission to use their church for the occasion.



History of Wallacetown Post Office

The first Post Office in Wallacetown was held in a small white house situated at the corner of Main Street and Currie Road where Good's garage now stands. (1869) It was owned by the Gunn family, the family living in the same building. The daughter, Bella, a maiden lady, was first postmistress early in the 1880's. It was later moved (where the present P.O. stands) to Cusack's store, the P.O. being on the left as you entered the store, and on the right groceries were sold. Two daughters, Belle and Anne (who later became Mrs. Walter Stidwell) both served as postmistress. After Anne married and on the death of ~~Bella~~, the eldest daughter Emma took over the work, with the help of her niece. After Emma died, the niece Eva Cusack, carried on until she married Mr. Dunsmore and left to live in St. Thomas. Mrs. Blanche Leeming then became postmistress in 1938 and served 23 years until Mrs. Gertrude Sloan took over in 1961.

*It was moved to Cusack's
Store about 1895 or 1900.*



*Mrs. Gertrude Sloan
Postmistress 1961-1980
(MAR 6/61 to July 5/80)*