

Wallacetown Grist Mill Earlier History refer Vol.1

A reminder of changing time is the demolition of Wallacetown Mill, which has been underway for the past few weeks. Ron Hoglund and Eugene Sutton have been doing the work.

As with similar establishments elsewhere, Wallacetown Mill, was one of the busiest spots in the community at one time. However, the popularity of processed feeds, the fact that so many farmers are now in cash crop and also because numerous farms have their own equipment the usefulness of Wallacetown Mill declined until it was closed some time ago. June 19, 1968.



Before demolition  
1968



Norm. Sutton (owner)  
(centre)  
1943 - 1961

## Telephone

The first telephone was installed in John Cameron's store. This was connected with Dutton and was the only one in Wallacetown in the early 1890's. Later a group of neighbours on the Talbot Rd., headed by Mr. Thomas Lunn, decided they would like a telephone, so they formed a company, with a switch board in Mrs. Piper's house at Port Talbot. Mr. George Braddon and D. Crane were instrumental in bringing the line to Wallacetown in 1901. The first switchboard or Central was installed in Alvro Keiller's residence on Main Street. It was there for many years and was moved to Dr. Crane's Office in the McIntyre home, beside the Presbyterian Church in 1911, and the switch board remained there under the name of Wallacetown and Lake Shore Telephone. The switch board operators were members of the Keiller family.

## The Wallacetown Store

The old store in Wallacetown on the corner of No.3 Highway and the Currie Road was built in 1852 by Robert Blackwood. He and Donald Gunn while visiting in Fingal, mentioned to S.S. Burwell that the store was nearing completion and ready for rent, so Mr. Burwell decided to go to Wallacetown and open a store, which he did on July 20th, 1852. He operated it until 1854. In 1855 it was rented or sold to Mr. John McKillop. At his death (time unknown) the two Blackwood sons operated it for a time. It was sold in 1882 to Peter Cameron who operated it until his brother John A. took over. John A. kept it and owned it until 1935 when Alex White from Scotland bought it and operated it until 1967 when it was again sold to Robert Giles of West Lorne who still operated it until 1971. *Mr Giles own it today 1988.*



June, 1967



Several members of Dunwich pastoral charge were among an estimated 4000 attending the Centennial Service of the United Church of Canada, Elgin Presbytery held at Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, on Sunday. They also had a float in the parade through city streets prior to the service. Guest speaker was the Very Rev. Dr. Angus J. McQueen, a former moderator of the United Church of Canada, and present minister of St. George United Church, Toronto, who suggested that in order to avoid becoming passe in the Canada of the future, the Christian Church will have to, get with it.



Left to right  
M. Page, Jack Page, E. Stevenson, E. Shipley, Don Jewell, Spence Bobler





Dick Marcus with his plane  
The Piper Vagabond  
1969



Plane built by Stanley Johnson  
& son, Wallacetown  
1969



Aerial view of Lake Road and Morley Page's and  
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## Morley Page Honored for Service

Recognition of outstanding service to Dutton-Dunwich Red Cross Society was made at the quarterly meeting of the branch Monday evening when Morley Page was presented a Badge of Service. Mrs. C.C. Crawford made the presentation at the home of the president, Earl Shipley, and Mrs. Shipley, R. R. 1, Wallacetown.

Mr. Page has been active in the work of Red Cross for many years, being a former president of the local branch and also assisting in several fund-raising campaigns.



## LONDON NORMAL SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1918-1919 MEET IN LONDON

Dufferin Hall, London, Ontario was the scene of a pleasant event on July 31, 1969, when ninety members of the London Normal School graduating class of 1918-19 gathered to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

A sumptuous dinner was served at 12:30 p.m. after which Mrs. Gladys Topping Cornell chaired a delightfully informal programme.

Dr. Corbin A. Brown was guest speaker and kept his former classmates in gales of laughter as he reminisced the lighter incidents of the school year. He, along with two other male members of the class, advanced to important positions in the Ontario Department of Education in Toronto.

Clarence Routley also entertained with his hilarious relating of events of the school year.

Mrs. Gladys Cornell, mother of Ward Cornell who is on the Hockey Night in Canada reporting staff, entertained by leading in a sing-song and also with her experiences in training to be a teacher. Presently she owns and operates a hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida where she has a public concert each Sunday during the winter holiday season.

Greetings and donations were received from many members who were unable to attend.

A memorial was conducted for departed members. Votes of thanks were extended to those members who had worked so hard to bring together such a number of a class, members of which are widely scattered through United States and Canada.

As always, enjoyable occasions must come to a close and reluctant good-byes said after a happy reunion. Everyone desired to meet again for a sixtieth reunion in 1979.

Mrs. George Russell of Port Stanley, the former Violet Ross of London, was nicknamed "Sparkplug" for her dynamic effort in making the reunion possible along with her committee.



Although there were several students from Dutton High School in this graduating class only two were present with their husbands namely, Mrs. Vanelda (Smith) McTavish and Mrs. Hazel (Halpin) Martelle, who has been a member of Wallacetown Institute for many years.



Left to right - front row: Mrs. Mabel Knight, Shedden; Mrs. Eugene Sweet, Aylmer; Mrs. Hazel Martelle, Wallacetown; Mrs. Cyril Williams, St. Thomas; (Standing) - Mrs. A.D. McTavish, Dutton; Mrs. H. Miles, St. Thomas; Mrs. George Russell, Port Stanley (organizer); Mrs. Nelson Durst, St. Thomas; and Mrs. W.B. Ayearst, St. Thomas.





Johnny Bobier's fine team of oxen, Rock, and Ride, drew the oxcart that brought the Honourable Eugene Whelan, Federal Minister of Agriculture, to Officially open the Highland Games in Dutton on Aug. 5, 1974. Mr. Duncan K. McKillop games chairman is seated beside Mr. Whelan. Johnny Bobier is leading the oxen.



The Optimist Club of Wallacetown was organized on January , 1974. One of their first projects was an Oratorical Contest April 9th, 1974 in the Wallacetown Hall. From left to right - Bruce Lunn club president, Margaret Campbell R.R. 1 Iona Station, winner of the girls division. Calvin West R.R. 3 Dutton, winner of the boys division, and John McIntyre Community services chairman.