



DRILL SHED DISAPPEARS - This structure which has served as an exhibits building at Wallacetown Fairgrounds for well over 100 years is in the process of being torn down. Originally erected as a drill shed for the anadian Militia at the time of the Fenian Raids it will be replaced by a steel pole building.

WALLACETOWN LANDMARK DISAPPEARS WITH RAZING

Another area landmark has disappeared with razing of the drill shed at Wallacetown Fairgrounds. Age finally caught up with the building and the January 26th storm damaged it to the extent it was decided to tear it down. It will be replaced with a pole, steel-clad structure for housing fair exhibits.

Sometime in the 1860's the Canadian Militia was reorganized to meet the threat of the Fenian Raids. A company was located at Wallacetown where the drill shed was built and a parade-ground established on the farm John Leslie Pearce.

Although there were still a few stumps in the field it was a comparatively clear and level area. Mr. Pearce and the commander of the company permitted the fair to use these facilities. In 1869, after the peril of the Fenian Raids had passed, the five-acre plot was purchased from Mr. Pearce. However, not until 1900 did a payment of \$5.00 bring formal title to the drill shed from the federal government.

Wallacetown Agricultural Society, formerly known as West Elgin Agriculture Society, dates back to 1860, so the drill shed housed exhibits for well over a century. Down through the years it has been the scene of the annual fair dance and has also been used for storage when not needed for show purposes.

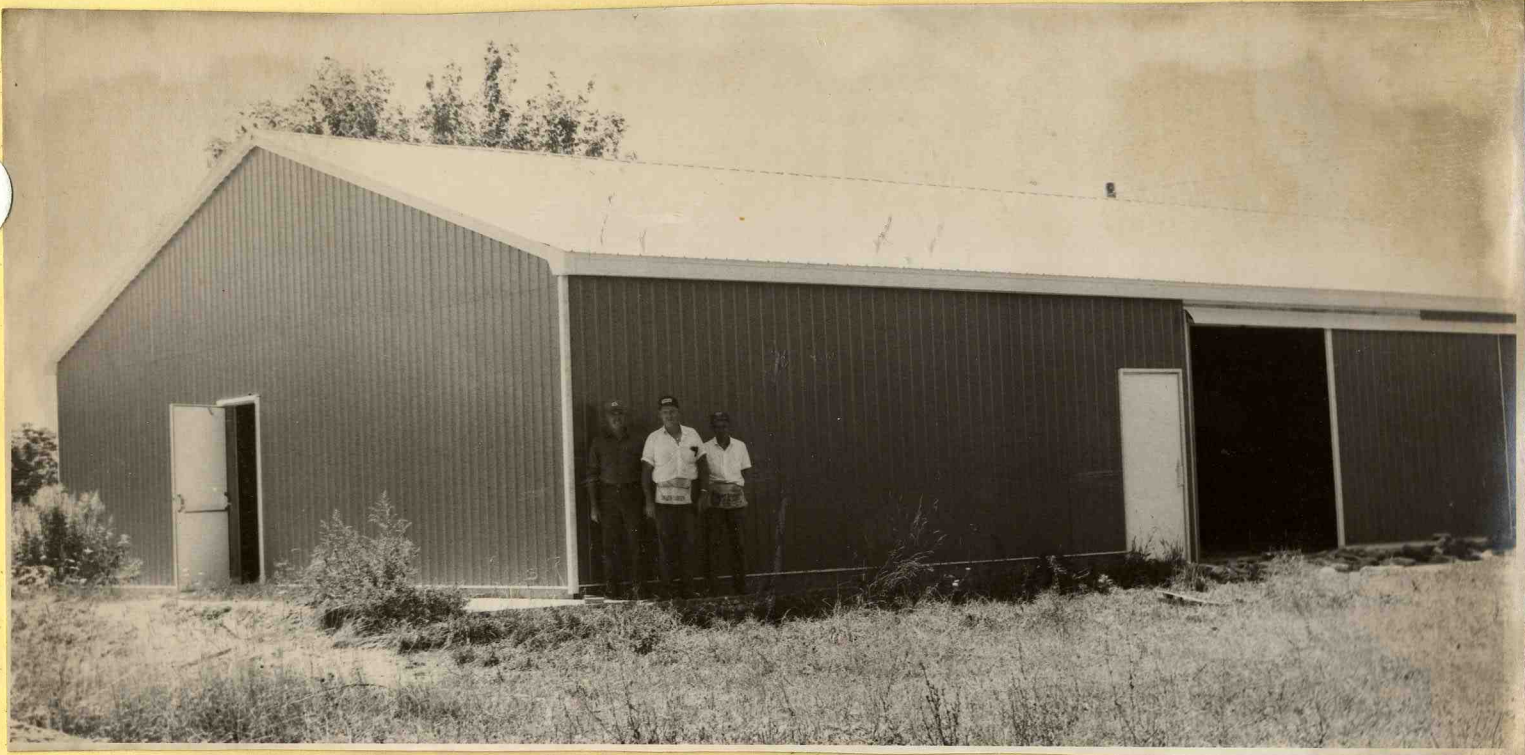
REPLACING DRILL SHED- Volunteers may be seen creating

the framework of a new building at Wallacetown Fairgrounds. It will be used for general exhibits, replacing the drill shed which served for many years and which was demolished recently. This will make three comparatively new buildings erected at the fairgrounds.



BUILDING COMPLETED

This fine new metal building has just been completed at Wallacetown Fairgrounds. It replaces the drill shed which served for commercial exhibits



Clarence Blue opening the new Commercial Exhibit building at Wallacetown Fair Grounds on Sept. 29th 1978. This building replaces the old Drill Shed.





The Dieleman Family

At the Fashion Show of "Home Made Garments",,
sponsored by the Ladies division of the
Wallacetown Agriculture Society in June 1978.
Mrs. Connie Dielman President of the Wallacetown
W.I. and her family, Anita, Peter, Karen & Susan
modeled clothing that she had made.



The Members of the Optomist Club erecting street signs in Wallacetown.

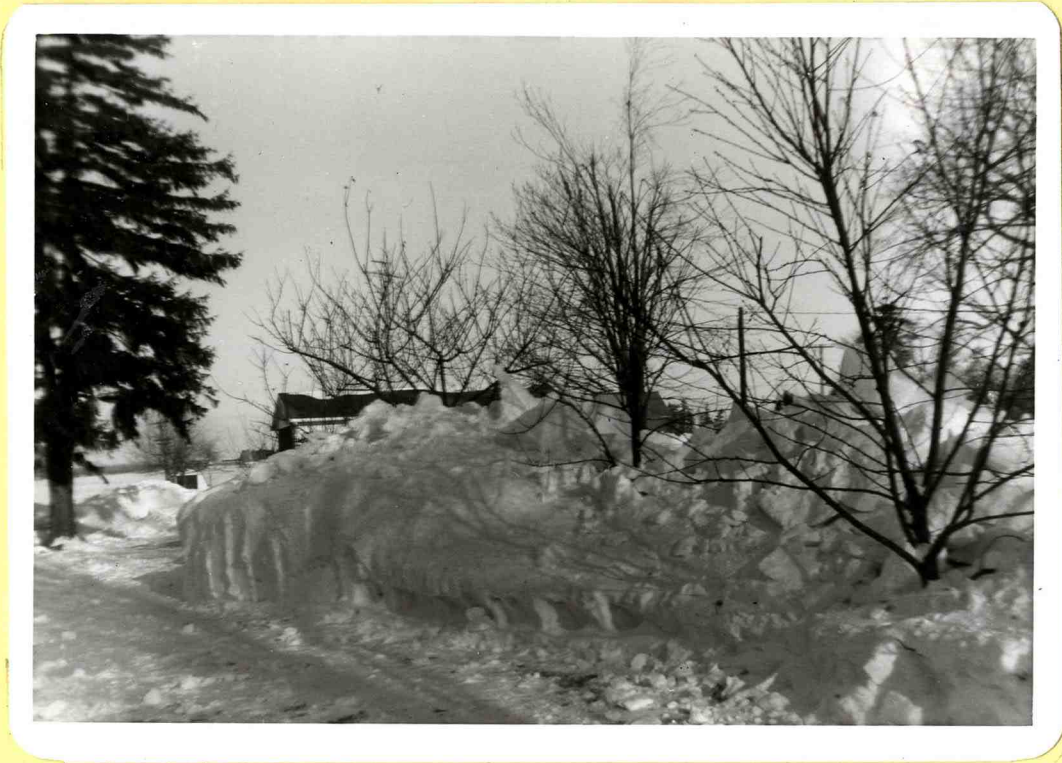
St. Helen's Catholic Women's League



Pictured above are most of the past Presidents of the league. Back row, left to right, are Mrs. Anna Wilkins, Mrs. Jean VanNuland, Mrs. Tina Hentz, Mrs. Clara Doyle representing her mother the late Mrs. Auleen Gammon and Mrs. Ann Dietrich. Front row, Mrs. Beatrice Casey, Mrs. Clara "Gramma" Casey, the League's Woman of the year in 1960 and soon to celebrate her 90th birthday and Miss Marguerite Englehart, the first president.

The Catholic Women's League of St. Helen's Catholic Church Wallacetown, celebrated its 25th Anniversary with an afternoon tea August 15th, 1976 at St. Helen's Church Wallacetown.

The C.W.L. under the direction of Rev. A. McHugh was organized in the fall of 1950. The first president was Miss Marguerite Englehart and Mrs. Beatrice Casey was the first secretary. Both received their 25 year pins at Sunday Mass from Rev. W.G. Smith.



Lohrum's House on Rose St. Feb. 12, 1977
Former Fred Thompson Home.



Snow banks at Scalias Garage- Feb. 12, 1977



Mrs. Lillie Cameron celebrated her 95th birthday on March 21, 1976. She was born in Reading England, daughter of James and Elizabeth Wescott, coming to Canada as an infant. She married the late Jas. R. Cameron and had a family of nine. She is blessed with 30 grandchildren, 75 great grandchildren and 15 great great grandchildren. She died July 12, 1976. She was the mother of Mrs. Mac Graham, past president of the W.I.



(L. to R.) MODELLING OLD TIME COSTUMES.
 (MISS) GERTRUDE McARTHUR, MRS. NEIL McKELLAR,
 MRS. T. L. PEARCE, MISS GERTRUDE PEARCE,
 MRS. D. W. GRAHAM, MRS. FRANK CAMPBELL,
 Taken about 1937.



Haying in the Thirties

Mungo and Marshall Cameron ready for haying,
with their wagon, hay rack and team of horses.