

DUTTON'S DREAM: Money-raising effort first for major project in more than 20 years

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"Now we're going to do the corporate canvass. After that, we don't know. We're leaning toward a lottery. In two years that would put us over the top."

Gardiner says he's confident the Lions Club can complete its money-raising campaign by the end of next year.

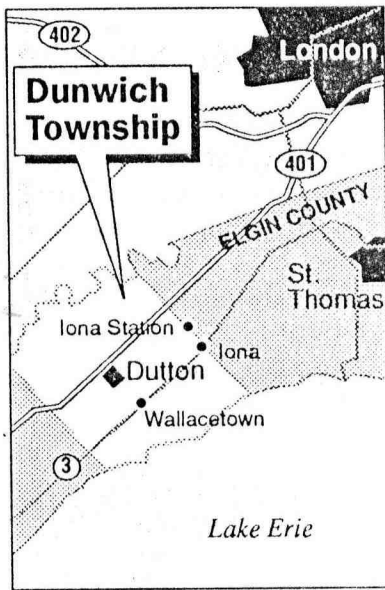
GENEROUS RESPONSE: Nancy McKillop (a distant cousin of Dan and also executive-director of the Dutton Co-operative Child Care Centre), says the public response has been overwhelmingly open-handed. "We collected \$965 from the 13 families who live on our road alone."

Dunwich Township administrator Ken Loveland says it has been 23 years since area residents last put together a major money-raising campaign. "That was in 1969, for the community centre."

However, there are some veterans around from a battle about 15 years ago to get day-care centres established in the community.

"We had no idea how much we didn't know," says Gail Driscoll, preparing lunches for about 30 lively youngsters at a centre set up in the basement of the Wallacetown United Church.

"There were only 11 or 12 families involved originally in 1977. We were new to all the rules and regulations and the way the government could



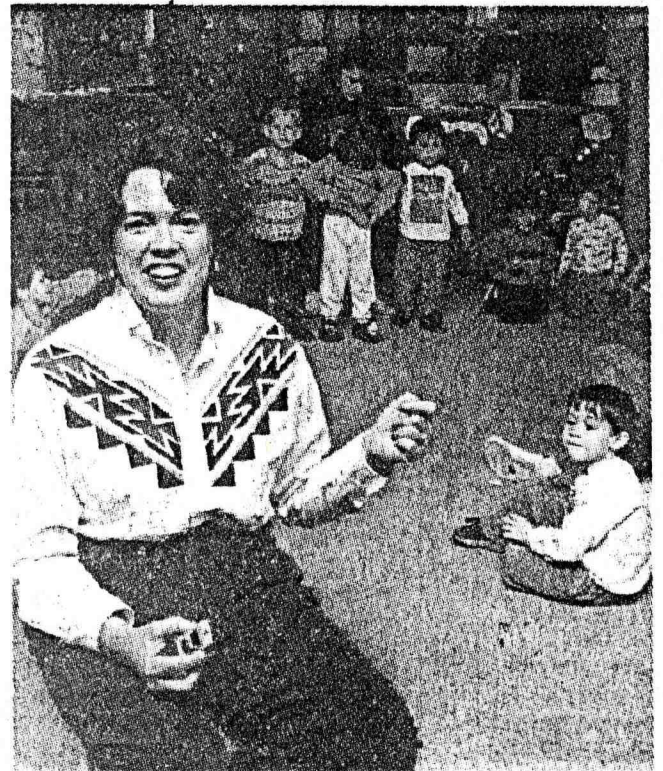
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As the day-care project expanded over the years, "we went from church to house to school. I never thought I'd see the day we'd have a new, central centre," Driscoll says.

Dan McKillop says that once the decision was made to go for a new library, it was a short step to deciding it would be a "resource library" — one with a bigger selection of materials, from books to videos, than the usual neighborhood lending library.

"St. Thomas was our resource, but it's too far away," McKillop says circulation at the existing Dutton Dunwich library has more than tripled in

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Community gung ho for action

Nancy McKillop, executive director of the Dutton Co-operative Child Care Centre, looks forward to spring when the 50 youngsters now cared for in scattered locations, including here in the basement of Wallacetown United Church, will gather under a single roof. Dutton and Dunwich Township residents are working to raise \$300,000 for four new projects, including the day-care centre and rent-geared-to-income housing for seniors. **Page B1**

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Dutton breaks ground on child centre

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DUTTON — Local residents have moved one step closer to a new co-operative child care centre.

Supporters of the project, including parent co-operative child care centre executive director Nancy McKillop, officially broke ground recently for the centre which is expected to begin construction within the next few months. The new centre will be located north of Dutton.

Ms McKillop said the community is enthused about the project, which is receiving fundraising support from three other local agencies including the Lions Club, public library and village recreation committee.

"I think it's a great idea to work together and have the co-operation of the community," she said.

The provincial government has given \$700,000 toward the

project through its JobsOntario program. Ms McKillop said the community has to raise an additional 20 per cent (of the \$700,000 amount) on its own.

The new centre, which will house 50 children, will replace the current system which Ms McKillop says is inconvenient. Currently, parents with children of different ages have to drive to separate locations to drop them off for child care.

For example, infants are housed in a portable at the Dunwich-Dutton Public School while preschoolers are taken care of at the Wallacetown United Church.

Ms McKillop said the new facility will provide care to infants, tweenies (up to 18 months), toddlers, pre-schoolers and a kindergarten class. The co-operative nursery school will be held at the school portable.

She said the parent board of directors hopes to have the building ready by July.



BREAKING GROUND — Nancy McKillop, executive director of the Dutton Co-operative Child Care Centre, and the co-operative's president Peter Munavish break ground on the site of a new centre slated to be completed by July. — (Staff)



This postcard shows the McIntyre House Hotel in Dutton as it appeared in the 1930s. Photograph contributed by Charles Chute of RR 7, St. Thomas.

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These employees of the Port Talbot fishery were relaxing after a long day's work in the 1930s. From left are Charles Chute, Earl Stevenson, George Clay, Dunk Forbes, Ross Chute, Morris Bibby, Bill Driver, Jack Lamb. Photo contributed by Charles Chute of RR 7, St. Thomas.

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Mrs Ruby Grace Lunn, born October 13, 1899, daughter of James R. and Lillie Cameron of R.R. 3 Iona Station (Willey's Sideroad) Dunwich, Township. She married Archie Lunn on Sept. 24, 1919 and they farmed near Port Talbot on County Road 16 and raised a family of 8 children.

Archie was injured in a farm accident on Aug. 1944 which left him an invalid for his remaining life. Ruby cared for him for many years. He died in Oct. 1967.

There family included Leonard, R.R. 2 Wallacetown; Raymond (deceased 1988) wife Jessie; R.R. 2 Wallacetown; Russell and Shirley, Belmont; Maxwell and Louise, London; Eleanor Wallace, St. Thomas; Grace Lummley, St. Thomas; Louise and Donald Lackey, R.R. 2 Wallacetown; Lloyd and Geraldine, Princeton.

Ruby was blessed with 26 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren, also 30 neices and nephews. She also had 5 sisters - Edith Burdon, Windsor; Sarah Lunn (deceased) R.R. 2 Wallacetown; Phylliss Cameron, St. Pauls, Minn.; Mae Graham and Lillian Lunn, Dutton; 3 brothers Mungo, Marshall and Robertson Cameron (all deceased)

Ruby Lunn left the farm and went to reside at the Bobier Convalescent Home, Dutton in 1986 where she remained until her death on Sept. 25, 1990 in her 91st year.



James Lloyd Lackey, born November 27, 1898, son of James and Lillie Lackey and brother of Mrs Allan (Ira) Crawford and Mrs Spence (Lillian) Bobier and Murray.

He was born on the 9th Concession of Dunwich Township, in a log house. He later moved to the 10th concession where he lived until 1927, when he married Mildred Lunn and they bought the farm on the 11th concession where Donald and Louie Lackey still live. He farmed here until he moved to Wallace town to live with his aging Mother in 1966, and remained there until 1984 when he went to reside at The Elgin Manor, St. Thomas.

His wife Mildred died in 1944 and Lloyd raised four sons Donald, Kenneth, Clair and George.

Lloyd had 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He died at the Elgin General Hospital on May 1st 1988 in his 90th year.





65th Anniversary of Mr & Mrs
Allan and Iva Crawford in
December 1991. Photo taken by
Dorothea Jewell.



Mr Allan Crawford he is 90
years old on January 12th 1992.
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