

Wallacetown W.I. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute was held in the Wallacetown Hall with Vice-President Dorothea Jewell presiding.

The program, convened by Helen Van Brenk, featured the Tweedsmuir History. The motto, "He who forgets the past

loses the key to the future," was interestingly commented on by Dorothea. Helen had a wonderful display of Tweedsmuir History which was very much in keeping with the past and future history of the district and community.

There were secretary and record books of the first Women's Institute meeting in 1912; "The Home and Country" magazine from a number of years back, old newspapers with write-ups of places and events in the community, memorial books, log books of farms, Tweedsmuir books, photos of institute members of past years including a photo of Mrs. D.W. Graham, the first president in 1912. These, along with many other items in the display, showed the work done in compiling the Tweedsmuir History. Helen also commented on a meeting held in St. Thomas recently of local institutes in which Dr. Linda Ambrose of Guelph interviewed members about their work and involvement and how the institute effected

their community. Three members from the Wallacetown group attended.

During the business part of the meeting the secretary and treasurer's reports were given; also correspondence. Several requests were read and donations will be given.

Upcoming events include a meeting of importance for all women, young and older, to be held April 19th in the Wallacetown Hall at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Institute. A film presentation and discussion on "Personal Safety for Women Today" will be presented by OPP Constable Winston Williams C.S.O. There is no admission.

Mae Graham reported the Bobier Tea will be held June 3rd. Joan McLandress reported the Strawberry Social at the Museum will be held June 22nd.

The West Elgin Spring Board meeting will be held in the Wallacetown United Church on May 4th at 6:15 p.m. Voting delegates will be Sally McIntyre, Helen Van Brenk and Margaret McKillop. The Tyrconnell Institute will be the hostess. Theme, "International Year of the Family."

Officers Installed

The annual meeting followed with the installation of officers by Marg Cowell -

Past president, Lillian Lunn; president, Sally McIntyre; 1st vice-president, Dorothea Jewell; 2nd vice-president, Helen Van Brenk; secretary-treasurer, Lillian Jones; District Director, Helen Van Brenk; Alternate Dis. Director, Sally McIntyre; program co-ordinator, Kay Waite; Branch Directors, Jean Morrison and Gladys Graham; Tweedsmuir Curator, Helen Van Brenk; assistant Tweedsmuir Curator, Dorothea Jewell; auditors, Dorothy Jewell and Louie Lackey; Resolution Convenor, Dorothea Jewell; press reporter, Marjorie Ripley; assistant press reporter, Lillian Jones; representative to Elgin Manor Auxiliary, Sally McIntyre; representative to Bobier Home Auxiliary, Mae Graham; representative to Museum, Joan McLandress.

Standing Committee Convenors

Agriculture, Mae Graham; Canadian Industries, Kay Lilley; Consumer & Family Affairs, Marjorie Ripley; Citizenship & Legislation, Joan Johnson; Education & Cultural Activities, Louie Lackey; Public Relations, Joan McLandress; International Affairs, Lillian Jones; Cards & Cheer, Kay Lilley.

Following the installation, the meeting was closed by singing "O' Canada". A spring plant was presented to Mrs. Cowell in appreciation.

A delicious lunch was served by Louie Lackey and Dorothy Lamb from a table attractive with spring flowers.



OFFICERS INSTALLED APRIL 16th 1994.

Back Row.

Kay Waite--Program Co-ordinator. Ruby McGugan--
Convenor for Family and Consumer Affairs.

Front Row.

Mary Lapadat--member. Sally McIntyre.--
President. Alt. Dis. Director, Elgin Manor Auxiliary Rep.



Back Row.

Jean Morrison--Branch Director, Joan McLandress--Public
Relations and Museum, Kay Lilley--Cards and Cheer, Helen
Van Brenk-- District Director, 2nd Vice-President, Tweedsmuir
Curator, Kay also Canadian Industries.

Front Row.

Louie Lackey--Education and Cultural Activities, Auditor.
Marjorie Ripley--Press reporter, Consumer and Family Affairs.
Dorothy Lamb--Member.

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TWEEDSMUIR AND ANNUAL REPORT MEETING

BRANCH- Wallacetown Woman's Institute. 1994-1995

DISTRICT- Elgin-West.

CURATOR- Mrs. Helen Van Brenk, R.R.1 Fingal, ON, NOL 1KO
(519-762-2768)

1. Have five volumes of Tweedsmuir history books. Will be starting number six Jan. 1996

2. Five books have been microfilmed.

3. Roll call- Bring an old newspaper item. Poems by Helen Van Brenk. Resolutions- Dorothea Jewell. Reports- Program co-ordinator-Nominating Committee.

Installation of Offices.

Payment of membership fees.

5. Reports given monthly.

6. Our program is in April a long with our annual meeting.

The Tweedsmuir books, scrapbooks, house log books are on display.

7. Had a Tweedsmuir tea at the Wallacetown Hall from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday Oct. 16th, 1994.

8. Have added 72 pages to number five book. Total pages are 139 pages, this book has been closed.

9. fifteen pages are of older farms, pioneer history, 10 pages, Talbot of Estate update 10 pages, 5 pages on Wallacetown W.I. activities, local quilts 10 pages, Wallacetown soccer photos 10 pages, Churches 7 pages, 5 pages on sugar shack (100 yrs old).

10. Have 5 house logs in our community.

11. Have published reports of our meeting each month and when our next meeting will be.

12. Data to be collected the following year, history on century farms, United church history weekend, Bygone of Wallacetown, IN book number 6.

Report of
Tweedsmuir History for 1977-1978
Wallacetown Women's Institute.
Curator - Mrs C. Blue, Dutton, Ont. P.P.3. NOLWO

The two Tweedsmuir History books were on display at the ^{Etym^{ic} Pioneer} Museum Tea in St. Thomas in May of 1977. and again at the Wallacetown Women's Institute Annual Meeting in April 1978.

During the year several persons came to look at the Tweedsmuir Books and get material from them. In one instance a man from St. Thomas who belongs to a Coin Collection Club in the city, came to inquire about a coin he had, on it was printed J. A. Cameron, he had been told that Camerons had at one time lived in Wallacetown. The coin turned out to be a due bill which J. A. Cameron had used in his store in Wallacetown around the turn of the Century. This gentleman was very glad that our Tweedsmuir Book contained material about the store, pictures of the store and also a picture of Mr. J. A. Cameron when he was a young man.

At the April meeting of the W.I. several of the members returned their questionnaire containing information of the farm or home where they live. which it is hoped will be the start of a log book.

Copy Report of the Tweedsmuir History, 1978-1979

Women's Institute Branch - Wallacetown
County. - Elgin West.

Curator - Mrs C. Blue, Watloo, Ont. R.R. 3.

Date - April 5th 1979.

The Tweedsmuir History Books were on display at the April meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute.

A House Log compiled by each of 4 members of the Women's Institute was read. These logs were very interesting and gave an insight into the history of our community. These logs will be kept in the home for future use.

Mrs C. Blue.

Curator of Tweedsmuir History.

for 1979-1980