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TOURS NEW DUTTON DUNWICH REFERENCE LIBRARY — John Kenneth Galbraith and his wife Kitty donned hard hats to join others at the new site. They are seen talking with local librarian Mary Lou McMillan, while looking on is Rien Van Brenk,

Dunwich Township Councillor. Deputy Reeve Peter Hentz is talking with the architect Don Rouhley. Construction is expected to be completed in the summer and Mr. Galbraith said he would return for the grand opening.

John Kenneth Galbraith promotes new library

Professor John Kenneth Galbraith, who was born at Iona Station and attended high school in Dutton returned to his roots last week to assist in raising funds for the new Dutton Dunwich Reference Library.

Mr. Galbraith gave a fundraising speech on Wednesday evening at the University of Western Ontario using as his theme, "The World Today: Economics and Some Other Matters."

The 84-year-old, 6' 8" man, led in by local piper Bonnie Rowe, was warmly received by about 500 people among whom were many from Dutton and Dunwich, and close to \$8,000 was raised for the new library currently under construction on Shackleton Street in Dutton.

Mary Jane Stevenson, co-chairperson of the Library Fundraising Committee, welcomed everyone and explained the fundraising. Another member of the committee, Valerie Alcock assisted in thanking Mr. Galbraith.

The event was co-sponsored by the Western Business School and the Dutton-Dunwich Reference Library Fundraising Committee.

Economist and Author

A world-famous economist and author, Mr. Galbraith served former U.S. presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, being a key economic advisor to Senator Kennedy during the 1960 presidential race, and as President Kennedy's ambassador to India from 1961 to 1963.

Mr. Galbraith, well-known

around the world for his lucid, persuasive writing style, has published many books, among them *The Scotch* (1964) and his most recent, *The Culture of Contentment* (1992).

John Kenneth Galbraith is the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics Emeritus at Harvard University. He is internationally known for his development of Keynesian and post-Keynesian economics, the economics of the modern large firm, as well as for his writing and his active involvement in American politics.

Professor Galbraith earned his B.S. degree from the University of Toronto (Ontario Agricultural College) in 1931, and M.S. (1933) and a Ph.D. (1934) from the University of California, and taught at both California and Princeton be-

fore going to Harvard permanently in 1948. He retired in 1975. He has received some forty honorary degrees from universities worldwide, including an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1968, the Doctor of Laws from Harvard University in June 1988, and the Doctor of Civil Laws from Oxford University in June 1990.

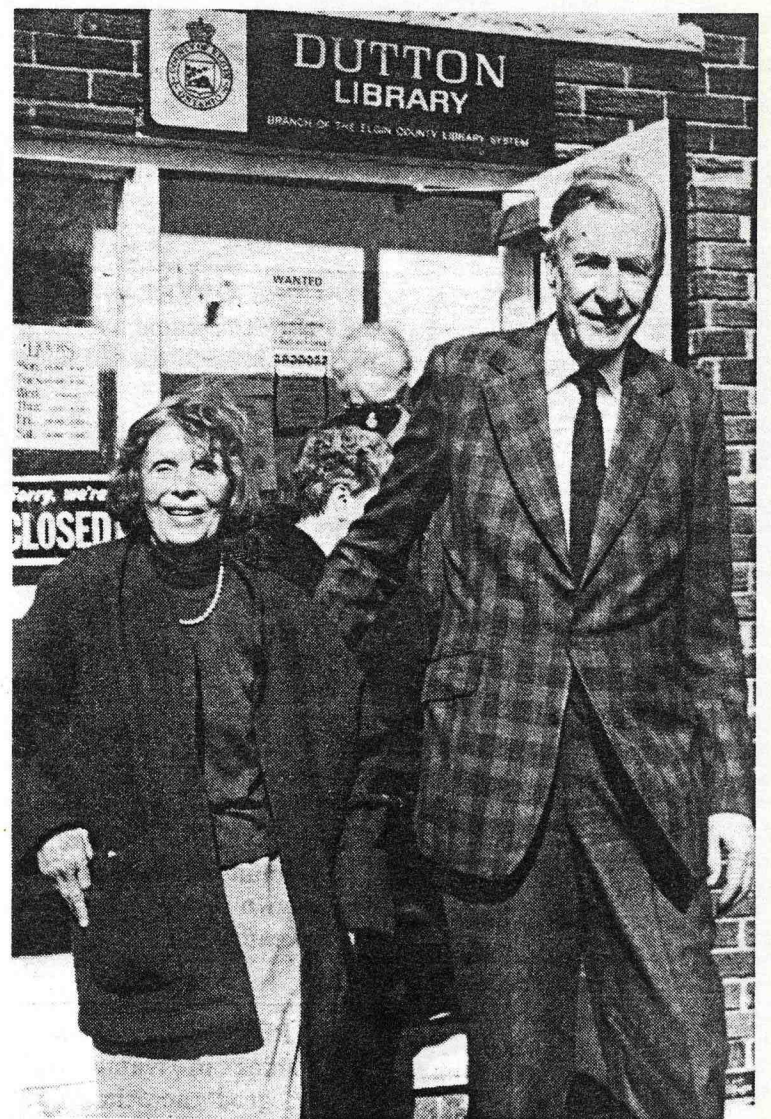
Mr. Galbraith became an American citizen in 1937. He and his wife Catherine (Kitty) have three sons and reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the academic year and in Newfane, Vermont, in the summer.

Visits Dutton

On Thursday, Mr. Galbraith will be in Dutton for the grand opening of the new library. (continued on page 11)



CHATS WITH SOME OF THE STAFF – Professor John Kenneth Galbraith is pictured during his brief visit to the Dutton Library. From the left are, Perry Clutterbuck, member of the Elgin County Library Committee, and local staff members Susan Lamont, Linda Van Raay and Kathy Corneil.



NATIVE SON RETURNS TO HIS ROOTS – John Kenneth Galbraith and his wife Kitty are pictured following their visit at the Dutton Library.

John Kenneth Galbraith returns

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braith, his wife Kitty and his sister, Catherine Denholme, of Toronto, travelled to Dutton to take a tour of the present library, the new library, and then visit with his brother Bill and family at Wallace-town.

Press Conference

Following the tour, Mr. Galbraith was available at the Dunwich Township Office for a press conference.

In his opening remarks, he said what a pleasure it was to be back in the municipal office where his father had been an auditor of the township for 25 years. Also, he was enjoying the lovely fertile land here compared to that of Mass. being so barren. He felt warmly committed to this enterprise as he remembered growing up here as a youngster and the "library provided a window to a larger world." One of the joys he remembers was being able to take 2 books home.

Mr. Galbraith came with his wife from Cambridge in repayment of a lifelong debt. He also said he hoped the necessary money will be raised and he wished the project well.

Another joy of his was that on the whole he is forgiven for writing *The Scotch*. He still finds it fascinating the people in Japan and France reading about Dunwich Township.

he was "strongly in favour of work as long as it is done by someone else."

When asked about the world economy and Ontario's debt today, Mr. Galbraith said it is Oshawa and Ottawa's "responsibility for leading us out." He said there is only one sure way of improving and that is more government programs to put people back to work. Put aside the deficit and have more government programs for needed things.

However, he said, the mood is still adverse, a number of people are not troubled or bothered by the economic situation, there's a spirit of contentment.

Ottawa and Oshawa, must launch jobs programs. He would rather have risk of inflation than continuing recession.

Mr. Galbraith retired 20 years ago to devote life to his wife and family. He still does some writing every day and is currently working on a book about the world economy since World War I.



Kenneth Galbraith talk to help raise money for library

An Iona Station native and world-famous economist and author, John Kenneth Galbraith, will be speaking at the University of Western Ontario, London, on Wednesday, April 7th.

His talk, "The World Today: Economics and Some Other Matters", will be held in Room 40 of the School of Business Administration, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Galbraith is here to help raise money for a new library building in the Village of Dutton where he went to school. He has fond memories of the library as he knew it.

"My memory goes back to that small library in the distant past and my particular joy when a number of books increased from something like two every two weeks, to two a week. All my horizons widened."

Mr. Galbraith is perhaps best known as John F. Kennedy's economic advisor and his ambassador to India from 1961-63, and as a prolific and popular author of many books, economic and biographical. He received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1968.

His recent book, "The Culture of Contentment", is a best-seller, and he has a new title coming out soon, "A Short History of Financial Euphoria."

Mr. Galbraith's talk is being sponsored by the Western Business School and the Dutton-Dunwich Reference Library Fundraising Committee. Tickets are \$20. for adults, \$15. for students, with all proceeds to go to the building fund. Tickets are available from Western Business School, the Dutton Library, Elgin County Library and the Dutton and Dunwich Municipal offices. *March 30/93*

CARD OF THANKS

Professor John Kenneth Galbraith's visit was a great success. Everyone found him to be a very friendly and humorous person and enjoyed meeting him Thursday morning, April 8th, in Dutton. The Library Fundraising Committee is very grateful to him for coming to give his lecture and promoting interest in the new library.

The committee wishes to thank the University of Western Ontario who assisted with this event; also to everyone who attended and all those who worked so hard to make this a truly memorable occasion.

Congratulations, half of the \$50,000 goal has almost been reached. By the way, Professor Galbraith has expressed great interest in returning for the opening of the library.

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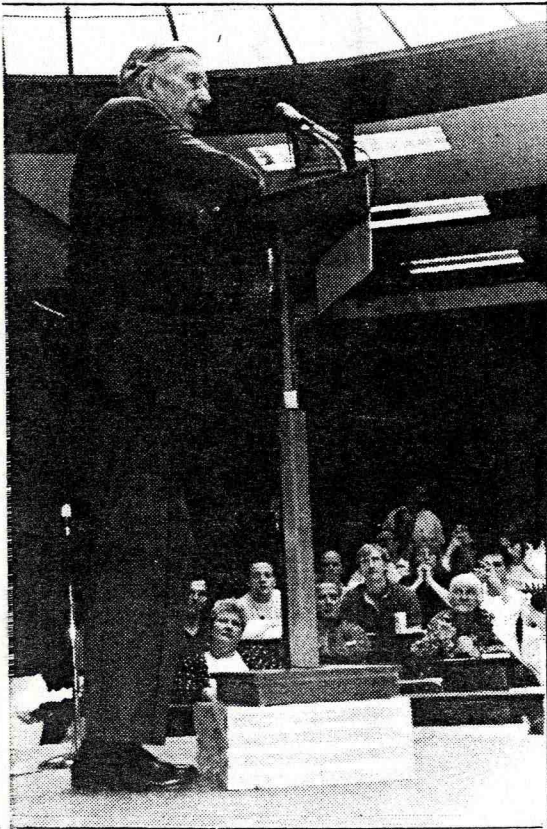
*John Kenneth Galbraith at
the Dunwich Township Office
for a press conference April 8/93*

Open arms welcome returning native son to west Elgin

As Faithful Reader well knows, there is no room in this department of serious journalistic effort for any joke about how age tempers even the most fiery of Scotch.

Yet time still has worked its wonder since since John Kenneth Galbraith penned his infamous memoir about growing up long ago in west Elgin.

The Scotch is an affectionate appreciation



John Kenneth Galbraith

written by a member of the family - and that's what put more than a few noses out of joint out Highway 3 when it was published 30 years ago.

Some things you just don't tell strangers.

But the crowd welcomed the noted author and economist home with open arms Wednesday at the University of Western Ontario, where he was to deliver a lecture to raise money for the new Dutton-Dunwich library.

And, maybe, they got a little of their own back - after all, how many visiting lecturers are piped to the podium at the school of business in true style?

(The piper was Bonnie Rowe, of Dutton, by the way.)

The good-humored Prof. Galbraith acknowledged the fuss his book created, observing Wednesday, "I was invited by Canadian television to do a documentary on that part of the world. I asked my sister who is here with me this evening, Catherine Denholme, to go up to the community and see whether it was entirely safe for me to go. She came back and reported there were two classes of people - those who were mentioned who didn't like it, and those who were not mentioned who didn't like it. That seemed a normal reaction, so we went ahead with the program."

He also recalled a Toronto Star reporter visited the community to find out how the book was received.

"The librarian at that time, or maybe the assistant librarian, said, 'Well, I have two copies and I was rather reluctant to buy them because Prof. Galbraith wrote an earlier book called The Affluent Society. He was a local boy so we got a copy for the library and nobody took it out. As so often happens with authors, having written something that is a failure, they try to redeem by doing something that is provocative.' "

Eric Bunnell PEOPLE



And, asked at the close of the evening which book it would be if there were just one book he could sign out today from the Dutton library, J.K.G. hesitated not.

"I think you better get The Scotch."

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Mr. Galbraith truly casts a long shadow in the annals of modern-day U.S. social policymaking as an advisor to Roosevelt and Kennedy, an ambassador, an educator and an author.

And the fact that he stands 6-foot-8 don't hurt, either.

Organizers staged a last-minute scavenger hunt for telephone directories Wednesday at the University of Western Ontario - to accommodate Prof. Galbraith's height, they had to raise his lecturn by four London phone books.

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The \$50,000 community fundraising effort for the new Dutton-Dunwich library is well on its way, co-chair Mary Jane Stevenson says. There is \$16,000 already in the kitty and Wednesday's lecture was expected to generate up to \$8,000 more.

In addition to donating his lecture fee, Prof. Galbraith - who called the Dutton library of his youth, his window on the world - also put in a

healthy plug for the cause.

He told his audience that there's no better feeling in the world than "the righteous poverty that comes from excessive contribution to any library, particularly to the one I am here to support this evening."

Next up: a silent auction on items ranging from a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig to a Christmas tree, begins April 19.

And in October, the committee will present Rod Beattie in Dan Needle's enormously popular comedy, Letter from Wingfield Farm. The show is Oct. 17 at West Elgin Secondary School.

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