

PAST PRESIDENTSELGIN COUNTYJUNIOR FARMERS

- 1942 - Freeman Parker, R. 1, Fingal
- 1943 - Walter Bawden, R. 7, St. St. Thomas
- 1944 - Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas
- 1945 - Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas
- 1946 - William Lyle, R. 1, St. Thomas
- 1947 - Albert Auckland, R. 7, St. Thomas
- 1948 - Fred Charlton, R. 3, Springfield
- 1949 - Donald Small, R. 3, Iona Station
- 1950 - Leslie Armstrong, R. 1, Union
- 1951 - Grant Burks, R. 2, Springfield
- 1952 Mac Hunter, R. 1, Pt. Stanley
- 1953 - Angus Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
- 1954 - Giles Hume, Springfield
- 1955 - Harold Carroll, R. 1, St. Thomas
- 1956 - Donald McCallum, R. 2, Dutton
- 1957 - Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas
- 1958 - John McNeil, Dutton
- 1959 - Donald Shelley, R. 1, Union
- 1960 - James West, R. 4, Dutton
- 1961 - Henry Helder, R. 1, Belmont
- 1962 - Allister Cameron, R. 3, Dutton
- 1963 - Ralph Cornish, R. 1, Springfield

JUNIOR INSTITUTES

- 1942 - Wilhemenia Hunter  
(Mrs. Herb. Jackson, R. 2, Pt. Stanley)
- 1943 - Grace McCormick  
(Mrs. Morley Blewett, R. 6, St. Thomas)
- 1944 - Ludora Gloin  
(Mrs. Ronald Burton, R. 5, St. Thomas)
- 1945 - Jean Baker  
(Mrs. Cal. Watson, R. 8, St. Thomas)
- 1946 - Edith Auckland  
(Mrs. Albert Auckland, Talbotville)
- 1947 - Helen Mallot  
(Mrs. Robert Martin, R. 8, St. Thomas)
- 1948 - Helen Patterson  
(Mrs. J. Orchard, 45 Elgin, St. Thomas)
- 1949 - Wilma Rollins  
(Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, R. 1, Union)
- 1950 - Marjorie Carroll  
(Mrs. Mac Hunter, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1951 - Doreen Barker  
Miss Doreen Barker, Springfield
- 1952 - Kay Ferguson  
Miss Kay Ferguson, R. 6, St. Thomas
- 1953 - Mary Olde  
(Mrs. Leon Denniss, R. 2, St. Thomas)
- 1954 - Yvonne Patterson  
(Mrs. Don McCallum, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1955 - Donna-Rae Prong  
(Miss Donna-Rae Prong, Toronto)
- 1956 - Margaret McTavish  
(Mrs. Don Carroll, R. 3, Iona Station)
- 1957 - Grace Rivers  
(Mrs. Russell Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station)
- 1958 - Marjorie Horton  
(Mrs. Robt. Baxter, R. 2, Springfield)
- 1959 - Mary Howe  
(Mrs. Gary Begin, B.C.)
- 1960 - Carolyn Davis  
(Mrs. Allister Cameron,  
232 Oakland Ave., London, Apt. 109)
- 1961 - Leta West  
(Mrs. Jas. West, R. 4, Dutton)
- 1962 - Ann Faulkner,  
(Mrs. Keith Fairfield, St. Catherines)
- 1963 - Christine Kestaloat  
(Miss Christine Kestaloat, R. 1, Vienna)

## ELGIN COUNTY JUNIOR INSTITUTE

In Elgin County in 1924 the Junior Farmers were quite actively engaged in meetings, judging livestock, seed grain, etc., and it seemed fit there should be some similar activity for the girls. The Agricultural Representative for Elgin at this time was Mr. C. W. Buchanan who was very interested in promoting the welfare of young people. It was arranged for the girls to have a joint picnic with the Junior Farmers at Port Stanley. Miss Ethel Chapman was present and organized the girls as the Elgin Girls Institute. Miss Margaret Brown, Shedden (Mrs. Dr. C.W. Sinclair) was the first president, Miss Muriel Styles, Frome, Secretary-Treasurer was Miss Cora Hicks, Mr. Buchanan's secretary.

The next spring it was announced by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture that there would be a girls judging competition at the Toronto Exhibition. Twenty-two meetings were held throughout the county. The girls received instruction in judging bread, cake, school lunches, and house dresses. A county competition was held in St. Thomas and the high girl in each township was given a free trip to a rural leaders conference in Guelph with Alexander McLaren in charge of the course. At this time the young people held dances which were well-attended and enjoyed.

The next year the girls were sent to Toronto in a judging competition and won the trophy.

The Elgin Girls and Junior Farmers sponsored a Music Festival which was a decided success and Sunday services held at Paynes Mills.

The Elgin Girls continued as a group until about 1940 - then for a few years interest lagged. In 1945 they re-organized and held meetings at the homes of the members. Some of the topics they dealt with were Nutrition, Health, etc. An annual banquet in the Masonic Temple was a big event when a dance followed. The regional Field Day at Ridgetown was another event of interest shared with the Junior Farmers.

In 1946 it was decided to call the Elgin Girls Institute the "Central Elgin Junior Institute as there were other branches started in East and West Elgin. The Junior Institutes have made contributions to the Cancer Society and the Aid to Cina Fund; they also adopted a child for six months through the Save the Children Fund. Delegates were sent to the conference in Toronto and to the Conference in Guelph.

Following is a list of officers throughout the years:

1925 - Miss Margaret Brown (Mrs. Dr. Sinclair)

1926 - Miss Muriel Styles

CENTRAL ELGIN JUNIOR INSTITUTE JUDGING TEAM 1923

In 1923 the Junior Institute judging team from Central Elgin won the inter-county judging competition at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Members of the team were Catharine Turner, Mary McTavish and Margaret Cole. In order to advance to the CNE the team first had to win over other judging teams in Elgin County. They then went on to win over teams from all over Ontario.

At the competition in Toronto each team member had to make a button hole. The team also judged classes of breads and cakes and completed a lengthy quiz on different categories of domestic science.

John A. (Jack) Carroll, now a member of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame, attended the competition as the Agricultural Representative for another County but he was very excited when a team from his own home County of Elgin won.

Catharine Turner is now Mrs. Henry Linke of Kitchener. Mary McTavish lives in Frome and is Mrs. Claris Silcox. Margaret Cole married Roy McNeil and her biography as district president is in the Elgin West Tweedsmuir history book.

*(Compiled by Beth Vacary)  
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PAST PRESIDENTS

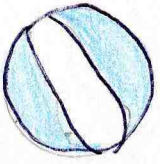
ELGIN COUNTY

JUNIOR FARMERS

- 1964 - Don. P. Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
- 1965 - Jim Moore, R. 2, Belmont
- 1966 - Jamey Campbell, R. 1, Iona Station
- 1967 - Larry Jenner
- 1968 - Keith Bawden
- 1969 - Jim Thomson
- 1970 - David Bobier
- 1971 - Robert Draper
- 1972 - Doug Taylor
- 1973 - Jean Jenkins  
(Mrs. Bill Emmott)
- 1974 - Ray Burgess
- 1975 - Bob Howey
- 1976 - Al Carroll
- 1977 - Carl Taylor
- 1978 - Dorothy Howey
- 1979 - Peter Charlton
- 1980 - Jim Carder
- 1981 - Deanna Versteegen
- 1982 - Marilyn Taylor
- 1983 - Peter Kerkvliet

JUNIOR INSTITUTES

- 1964 - Brenda Anger  
(Mrs. Jay Anger, R. 2, Harrow)
- 1965 - Charlotte Davis  
(Miss Charlotte Davis,  
232 Oakland Ave., Apt. 109, London)
- 1966 - Linda Webster  
(Miss Linda Webster, R. 1, Wallacetown)
- 1967 - Evelyn Sloan  
(Mrs. Keith Bawden)
- 1968 - Barbara Lamb  
(Mrs. L. H. Jinkerson)
- 1969 - Valerie Shore  
(Mrs. Bill Cron)  
discontinued and joined Junior Farmers



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APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 1995.convened by Mae Graham and  
assisted by Marjorie Ripley.

# Wallacetown W.I. install new officers

The Wallacetown Women's Institute held its annual meeting in the hall with president, Sally McIntyre, opening the meeting with a Spring poem on "April". The meeting also featured the Tweedsmuir History under the convenorship of Helen Van Brenk.

Motto for the meeting, "Bring an old newspaper clipping," brought out interesting reposes of memories of past members and their meetings. There were newspaper items of World War I - 1914, the lists in the daily newspapers of "Wounded" and "Killed in Action," names of soldiers in local community. There was also a leather post card 1906 sent to Miss Eva Cusack; The Music Festival 1930 under the sponsorship of West Elgin Girls Institute and Junior Farmers with William Galbraith the president; there was an interesting picture of Mr. and Mrs. Deifenbaker opening Wallacetown Fair on their Centennial in 1960; Wallacetown Women's Institute Centennial 1963. These along with others were most interesting and brought back memories.

Helen also had a most interesting display of Tweedsmuir History. She has just closed her fifth book and will now start a sixth book on History and Events.

Following the business the annual meeting took place. Due to the absence of Kay Waite, program co-ordinator, a report of the year's programs was given by Helen.

## Installation of Officers

The installation took place with Mrs. Eleanor McMillan, secretary treasurer of Elgin West Women's Institute, installing the new officers for 1995-1996. She was later presented with an Easter lily in appreciation for her duties.

President, Sally McIntyre; first vice-president, Helen Van Brenk; secretary, Joan McLandress; treasurer, Lillian Jones; District Director, Helen Van Brenk; Alternate District Director, Lillian Jones; Program Co-ordinator, Kay Waite; Branch Director, Gladys Graham; Tweedsmuir Curator, Helen Van Brenk; assistant curator, Sally McIntyre; auditors, Louie Lackey and Joan Johnston; Resolution Convenor, Helen Van Brenk; press reporter, Marjorie Ripley; assistant 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, Lillian Jones; Canadian Industries, Mae Graham; Consumer and Family Affairs, Kay Lilley; Citizenship and Legislation, Marjorie Ripley; Education and Cultural Activities, Joan Johnston; Public Relations, Louie Lackey; International Affairs, Joan McLandress;

Cards and Cheer, Kay Lilley.

Following the installation, Sally and Helen read two timely poems "How to be a good W.I. member" and "Ten Commandments to good human relations".

The meeting closed with the singing of "O' Canada." Members then spent time reviewing the display of interesting history.

A tasty lunch of hot cross buns and jam was served,



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE WALLACETOWN W. I. ANNUAL MEETING ON  
APRIL 6th 1995---1996.

### Front Row.

1. Marjorie Ripley, 2. Sally McIntyre. 3. Helen Van Brenk.

### 2ND Row.

1. Lillian Jones, 2. Kay Lilley, 3. Mae Graham, 4. Florence Avery.

### 3RD Row.

1. Gladys Graham, 2. Joan Johnston, 3. Louie Lackey, 4. Joan McLandress, 5. Dorothy Lamb, 6. Ruby McGugan. ABSENT Margaret McKillop, Darlene Ford, Kay Waite, Mary Lapadat, Catherine Minnema.

OFFICERS FOR 1997-98

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> / 1997-98.*

PAST PRESIDENT - SALLY McINTYRE

PRESIDENT - HELEN VAN BRENK

1ST. VICE PRESIDENT - KATHY MINNEMA

SECRETARY - JOAN McLANDRESS

TREASURER - LILLIAN JONES

DISTRICT DIRECTOR - HELEN VAN BRENK

ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR - LILLIAN JONES

PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR - KAY WAITE

BRANCH DIRECTOR - GLADYS GRAHAM

TWEEDSMUIR CURATOR - HELEN VAN BRENK

ASSISTANT CURATOR - SALLY McINTYRE

AUDITORS - LOUIE LACKEY, JOAN JOHNSTON

RESOLUTION CONVENOR - - - *SALLY McINTYRE Int*

PRESS REPORTER - KATHY MINNEMA

REPRESENTATIVES TO ELGIN MANOR AUXILIARY -  
JOAN McLANDRESS, RUBY McGUGAN

REPRESENTATIVE TO BOBIER HOME - SALLY McINTYRE

STANDING COMMITTEE CONVENORS

AGRICULTURE.....	LILLIAN JONES
CANADIAN INDUSTRIES.....	KATHY MINNEMA
CONSUMER & FAMILY AFFAIRS.....	KAY LILLEY
CITIZENSHIP & LEGISLATURE.....	SALLY McINTYRE
EDUCATION & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.....	JOAN JOHNSTON
PUBLIC RELATIONS.....	LOUIE LACKEY
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.....	JOAN McLANDRESS
CARDS & CHEER.....	KAY LILLEY



1. Hellen Van Brenk-President of Wallacetown W.I. *1997-1998*

2. Willa Johnston- Subdivision 22.

Sept 17/97

Dear Helen,

Just want to "Thank You" for  
the lovely meal you gals made  
for our 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
Everyone said they really enjoyed  
it and the pies were a real hit.  
I am enclosing this photo Clarence  
took of you all. Thanks again  
Donna & Chuck.



1. Gladys Graham, 2. Kathy Minnema, 3. Louie Lackey, 4. Joan Johnston.  
5. Sally McIntyre, 6. Hellen Van Brenk. 7. Dorothy Lamb.