

Wednesday February 7th 1996.

Wallacetown W.I. enjoys talk on Standardbred horses

Wallacetown Women's Institute held its February meeting with a good attendance. Vice-president Helen Van Brenk presided and welcomed everyone including a number of visitors.

The meeting opened with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer. The secretary report and correspondence were given by Joan McLandress reminding members of a number of upcoming events. Lillian Jones gave the treasurer's report, also the Tweedsmuir Heritage Book report which is coming along very well but more support is still needed.

Winter Picnic will be held in the Wallacetown Hall on February 20th with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Local branches will participate. Each W.I. has been asked to depict a ten (10) year span of their organization with a skit, music, etc. Wallacetown W.I. will depict the years 1987-1997.

A "Personal Enrichment Seminar" will be held February 17th or snow date February 24th at Southwold Public School. The W.I. "Centennial Song" has been written and received and the Institute is looking forward to using it. The Provincial theme for 1996-1997 is "Safety and Healthy Communities".

A Community Service bulletin, designed by Ron Jones, was on display. It is full of information of services available in the community.

The Elgin Museum report

and the Bobier Home report were given by Joan McLandress.

A pleasant and surprising feature of the afternoon was the presentation of Certificates of Merit to four members, Mae Graham, Gladys Graham, Dorothy Lamb and Marjorie Ripley. Each expressed appreciation.

Consumer and Family Affairs was the theme of the program convened by Kay Lilley and Sally McIntyre. The motto "The best thing to spend on your children and grandchildren is time" was commented on by Joan Johnston. Roll call, "a first aid remedy you carry in your purse, or an old remedy you know" drew out interesting comments.

Guests for the afternoon were Ann Lilley and her daughter-in-law Ruleen Lilley who presented an interesting video and talk of life on the farm with their standardbred horses, which is a family affair with all the family involved including the grandchildren. The Lilley family (now known as "The Mac Lilley Farms") have been in the horse business 24 years. They originally bought one of their first horses from Russell Miller and have increased ever since. The video showed many fascinating activities involving standardbred horses - their training, shoeing, harness, carriages and various races they had participated in including Woodbine in Toronto. A number of awards were on display which had been won at various races. An invitation was extended to anyone who wished to visit the farm.

A video also showed the birth of a filly. A new colt whinnies as soon as it is born and tries to stand immediately. Identifying tatoos are placed under the mane or inside the colt's lip.

Appreciation for the interesting program was expressed by Helen thanking Ann and Ruleen for giving members an insight into what is involved in their life working with

horses.

Following the program a delicious lunch was served by Kay Waite and Dorothy Lamb.

The tables were most attractive with red and white carnations and Valentine motifs. Appreciation was also given

to the lunch committee.

The ladies were pleased to welcome a couple of men to their meeting.



Wallacetown Women's Institute holds Christmas meeting *Dec 11/96*

Christmas carols and lovely holiday arrangements were the setting for the December meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rien Van Brenk. The president, Sally McIntyre, welcomed a good attendance of members and visitors and invited everyone to a delicious turkey dinner. The table was most attractive for the occasion.

Following the meal, an interesting program was convened by Helen Van Brenk and Sally. Two poems on Christmas were read – "No Room" and "Where is the Christ Child? – He's Knocking at the Door".

Sally then introduced Norma McMillan, Convenor of West Elgin Patient Services of the Daffodil Auxiliary. Norma

briefly and interestingly recalled the formation and early years of the Auxiliary and its dedicated workers – namely Mrs. Helen Saunders and Mrs. Marion Forsyth and others.

The Auxiliary deals with problems facing cancer patients and also the needy in the local community. She stressed the importance of clearly and specifically stating that donations such as money, clothing and food go to West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary. The money should be specified to either cancer or welfare. She raised the work of Lois Carroll, Ruth Wight and the many volunteers.

Members gave money, toys and knitted clothing for a local needy family. Also on display were knitted clothing to be given where needed. Appreciation was expressed to Norma for her interesting talk and insight in the work of the Daffodil Auxiliary by Sally and presented her with a lovely hand knitted sweater which she had made. Also on display were a number of other sweaters she had made for those in need.

As one listened to Norma, one can see there are many hours spent by those dedicated workers, looking into the needs of others, sorting clothing, those who need food, etc., besides the many miles of travel. Their dedication is noteworthy.

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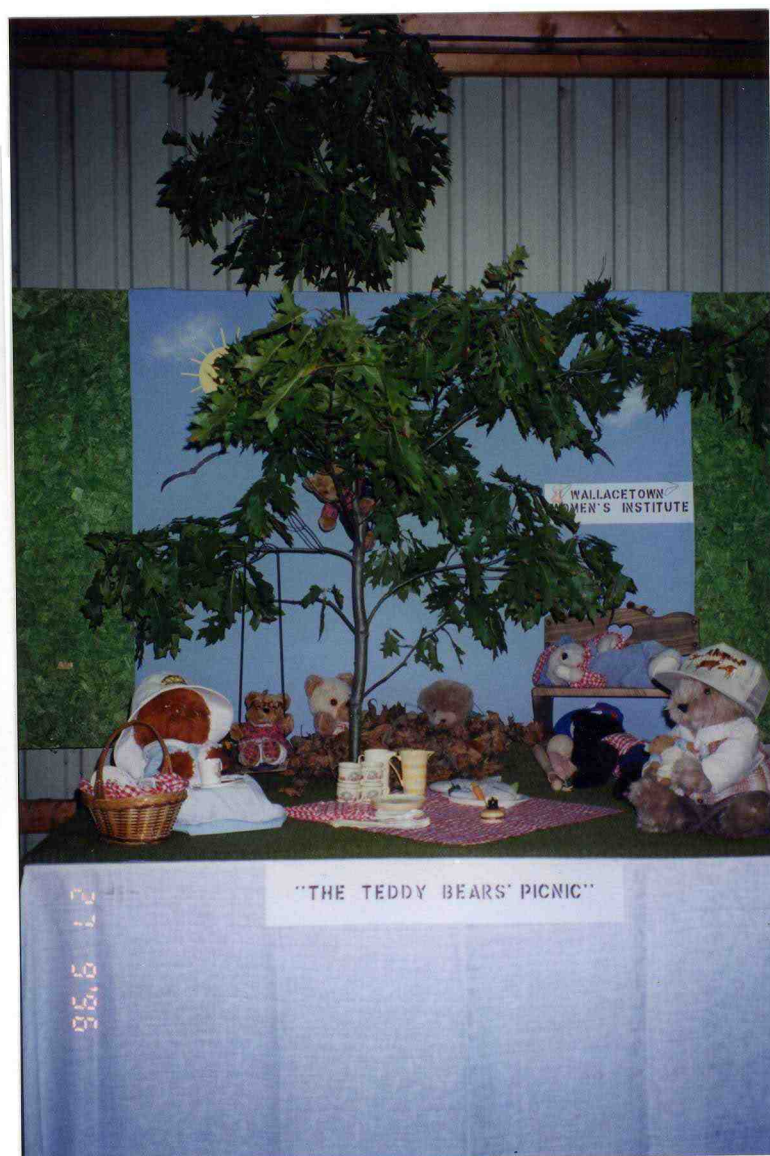
THE DIFFODIL TEA. On October 26th held at Fingal. 1996.

(from left). Louie Lackey, Louis Carroll, Norma McMillan, Florence McWilliam, Kay Waite.



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GROUP DISPLAY. "The teddy Bears Picnic".
Louie Lackey, Kay Waite, did this display for
the Wallacetown Women's Institute.

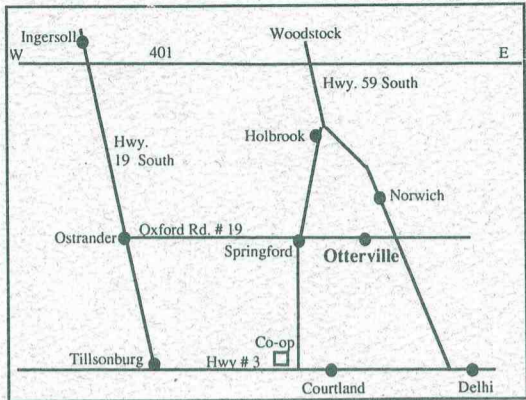


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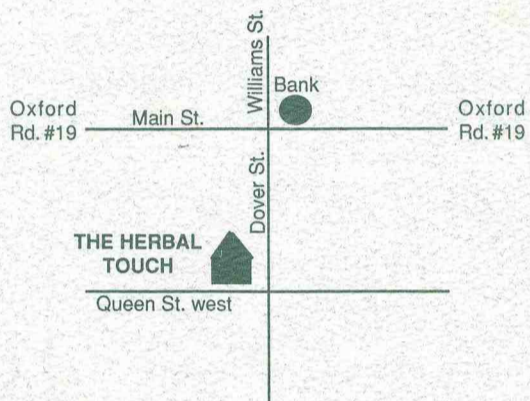
It was raining on Thursday afternoon, June 6th, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of members and friends of the Wallacetown Women's Institute taking part in an afternoon trip to East Elgin. Fifteen members and four guests first visited Coyles in Tillsonburg where they enjoyed shopping for baked goods, household items and china.

A short-trip to Otterville followed to visit "The Herbal Touch" gardens and gift shop. Hostess Marilyn Edmison-Driedger who has been in business for the past thirteen years growing perennial flowers and herbs, gave a brief explanation of the preparation and use of herbs in cooking. Other specialties are books about herbs and everlasting flowers. Marilyn has recently developed two new gardens - "Friendship" and "Marvin". A rhubarb drink and homemade bread with herbal butter were served to everyone.

On the return trip dinner was enjoyed at the New Sarum Diner. *June 12/96.*



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PLEDGE TO FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – *The Wallacetown Women's Institute recently presented a cheque for \$412 to the Bobier Home Caring For Seniors Capital Campaign. This was the first instalment of their total pledge of \$1,650, the cost of a single private room in the new home. Making the presentation are, from left to right: Secretary Joan McLandress, Treasurer Lillian Jones, President Sally McIntyre and Bobier Home Fundraising Chairperson Leta West.*



CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF W.I. — Wallacetown, Tyrconnell and Cowal branches of the Women's Institute marked the special occasion with a get together and the cutting of a birthday cake at the South Dunwich Community Centre, Wallacetown, on February 19, 1997. Pictured from the left, are Catherine McAlpine, president of Tyrconnell; Sally McIntyre, president of Wallacetown; Matthew and his mom Kathy Minnema, and Kay Lilley, convenor of the event, a member of the Wallacetown branch.



Elgin West District W.I.'s hold annual Winter Picnic

The branches of Elgin West District met at Grace Lutheran Church to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Institute on February 19th, 1997. The hostess branch, West Lorne had the hall decorated with the colours of the Women's Institute and a lovely birthday cake was the centrepiece of the dessert table. A bountiful pot luck supper was enjoyed by the 66 members and visitors.

The president of Elgin West District, Ann McLean, conducted the program. Shirley Walker was pianist and the group joined singing the Centennial song. One person from each branch answered the roll call, "What have I accomplished with a Women's Institute Life skill?" The minutes from the first W.I. meeting were read and President Ann told of some of the many accomplishments that the W.I. have achieved during the last 100 years.

Each branch had put up a display featuring something from the past or something W.I. related. These displays were commented on by a member from the branch represented. River Road featured various antiques including an antique doll; Boxall had an antique tea table setting; Middlemarch focused on their hall "Applegrove Grange No. 166; Paynes Mills also featured their hall and their involvement with it; Cowal told of the W.I.'s role in the 4-H movement; Wallacetown exhibited their branch minute books; Crinan featured the involvement of W.I. in the war effort; West Lorne had a choir and sang a W.I. song they had composed; Clachan had a display of fashions from the turn of the century and earlier. Mary Ann Caughell and Ann McLean rounded out the program with a humorous skit.

To help celebrate guests were present from Elgin East District W.I. Pauline Lindsay, president of Elgin County W.I. and Chairman of the Erland Lee Museum Home Committee, brought greetings from the Rally and the Lee Committee. She told of the celebrations held at the Lee and of a video conference held with several countries of the world.

Prizes were given to various people present and Faye Thorn expressed the courtesies ending the happy, historical celebration.