



Where people make things happen

Dutton/Dunwich

Where it all began

Dutton/Dunwich is where Elgin County began – at Tyrconnel with the first Irish settlers in 1809.

Several interesting historical sites across the township feature glimpses from the early days, including Wallacetown's Agricultural Fair, which has run every fall since 1860.

A Gentle and Friendly Lifestyle

The gentler pace of living in Dutton/Dunwich is unmistakable, and very easy to take. Our prosperous farms produce a full range of agricultural products – grain crops, fruit, vegetables, dairy, beef, pork, even emu!

Thriving Communities

The people of Dutton/Dunwich know how to have fun! Involvement is the main characteristic which sets them apart. Clubs and activities abound for those who want to create their enjoyment through participation, whether it be drama, music, golf, lodges, historical, or horticultural interests. For the younger set we have organized sports, concerts and many special events. The Dutton Downhill Derby, introduced only 5 years ago, now draws about 75 young go-cart racers each summer. Various festivities take place every year at the community centre, and you will always be well served at any of our church suppers.

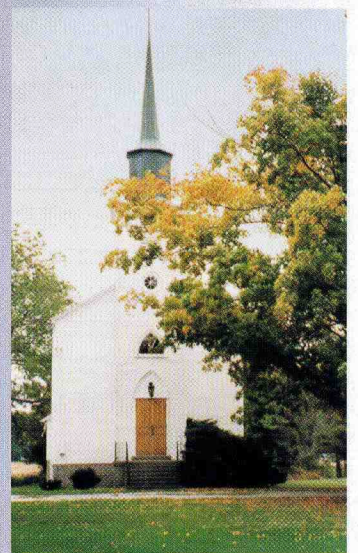
Strength, Vitality and Diversity

Steeped in a tradition of hard work, our young people eagerly assume leadership roles in their turn, maintaining the progressive attitude of their parents and grand-parents. We point proudly to our Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, day-care facilities, community centre, swimming pool, reference library, and several very active churches. Outdoor recreation is another major feature of the township, with its hiking trails, parks and summer camp overlooking Lake Erie. The Trans-Canada Trail will soon pass right through the heart of Dutton/Dunwich. It's a great place to raise a family!



Residential and Commercial Opportunities

Dutton/Dunwich offers a remarkable selection of housing, as well as industrial properties, for newcomers. The community is justifiably proud of its older century homes, modern housing developments, and the new Bobier Villa for seniors. Small business locations and other commercial properties are also available. To allow for development, the township has classified a 100 hectare site close to Hwy. 401 for industrial and/or commercial use. The community is fully serviced with hydro, water, sewer and natural gas. Transportation needs are conveniently served by both Hwy. 401 and County Rd. 3, and security is assured with fire, ambulance, OPP, and Emergency 911 protection.



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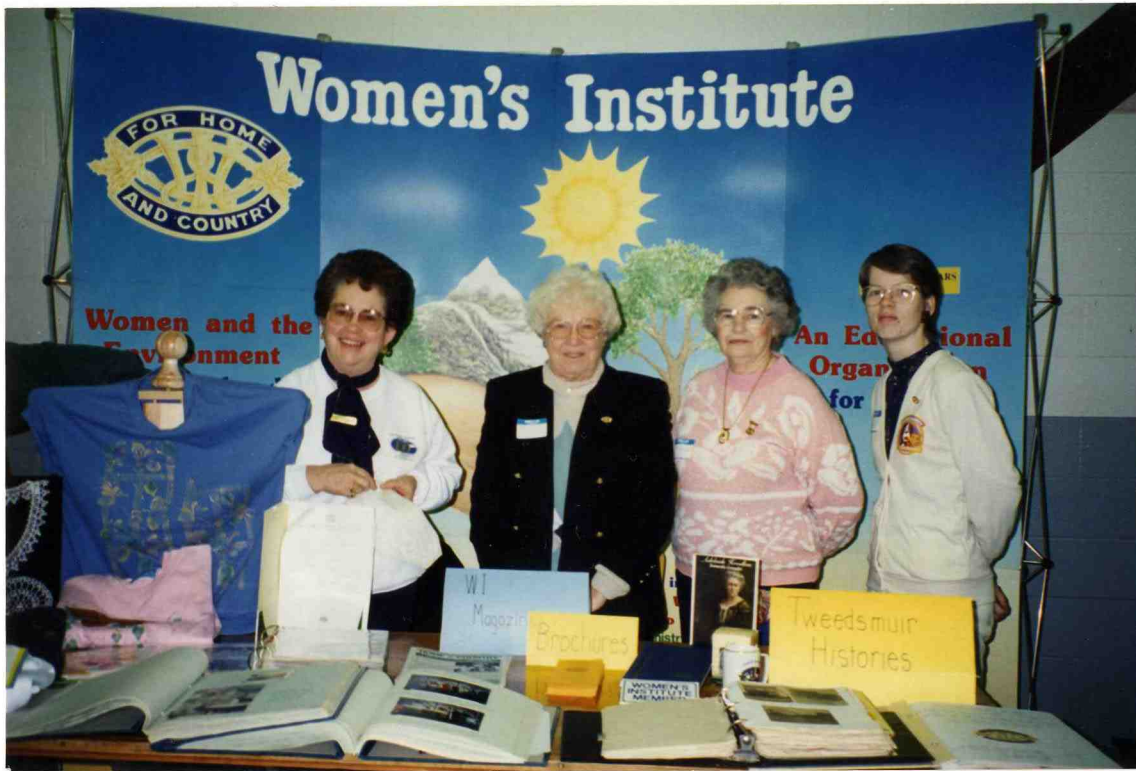
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Log House Books, Tweedsmuir Books from Huron West District at LONDON AREA TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY WORKSHOP ___ AT GODERICH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE. HOMESVILLE ___ TUESDAY AUG. 8TH 1995 .



Antiques Dishes from all members, from Dungannon District, also Old Handkerchiefs.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DISPLAY at the Public Information and Networking Day, held at the Dutton --Dunwich Community Centre. On April 12th 1995.

L to R.

1. Grace Campbell, 2. Willa Johnston, 3. Eleanor McMillan. 4. Jill Morgan.



BEATING THE WINTER BLUES – Members from branches of the Women's Institute Elgin West District gathered at the Wallacetown Hall for the annual Winter Picnic. Designed as a winter pick-me-up, over 50 people enjoyed the social evening which ended with entertaining skits. Pictured signing the guest register are, left to right: Grace Campbell, Elgin West W.I. secretary, Willa Johnston, Elgin West W.I. President and Sally McIntyre, Wallacetown W.I. president.

W.I. Annual Winter Picnic

Getting together to visit over dinner and enjoy some entertainment to beat the winter blues is the basis for the Women's Institute Winter Picnic. The social evening has been an annual event for over 50 years.

Unique to Elgin County, this year's Elgin West picnic was held at the Wallacetown Hall, Tuesday evening, February 20th, hosted by the Wallacetown Women's Institute. All 11 branches of the Women's Institute in the district were invited to attend with visitors coming from Oxford South and Elgin East as well. About 50 ladies braved the weather to take part in this evening.

The Women's Institute was organized by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless after her young son died from drinking impure milk. The first meeting was held in Stoney Creek on February 19, 1897 with over 100 women in attendance. "For Home and Country" is the motto of this organization whose members are committed to personal growth and community action. Not meant to be a social gathering, Women's Institute members are active in sponsoring 4-H, doing courses and serving their community.

The world has many things to thank the Women's Institute for. It is because of their

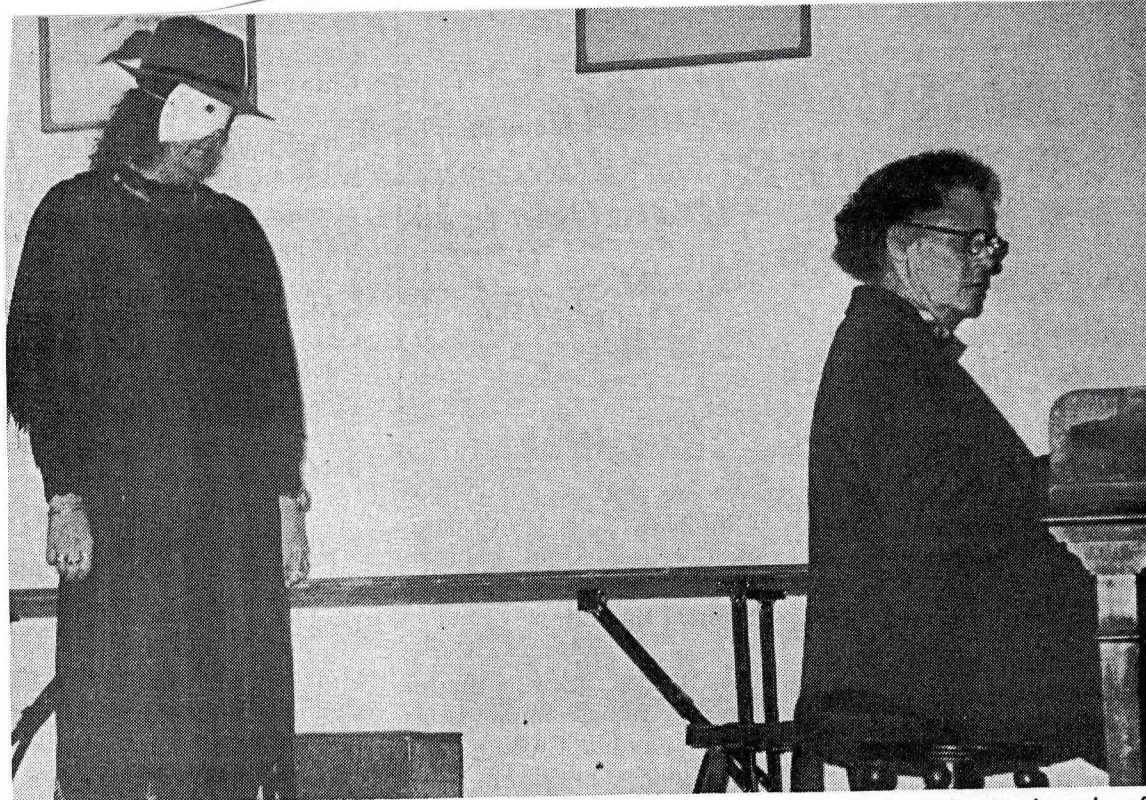
work that there is pasteurized milk, sliced bread and railway crossing warnings among other things. The founder also played an active role in the YWCA, VON and in bringing home economics to university campuses.

Each branch of the Women's Institute documents their history in Tweedsmuir books, named after former member, Lady Tweedsmuir. A Tweedsmuir workshop for branches in London area will be held in Wallacetown in August.

This worldwide organization has no religious or political connections. Even with 1,000 branches across Ontario, interest in this worthwhile organization is declining as people's lives become busier. About 170 women are involved in the Elgin West district with branches averaging about 15 members.

To celebrate the centennial of the organization, the national convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will hold their annual meeting in Hamilton in June 1997.

The Winter Picnic ended with each branch depicting a decade of the history of the Women's Institute as well as events happening locally and around the world during that period of time.



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA – With each Women's Institute branch depicting a decade of history since the start of the W.I. in 1897, the Wallacetown branch chose their favourite numbers from the hit musical, *Phantom of the Opera*, to depict the age of Broadway shows, 1987-1997. Pictured, Phyllis McDonald played the piano while Helen Van Brenk portrayed the Phantom.

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Elgin County W.I. Convention

Elgin County Women's Institutes hosted the 82nd convention of the London Area W.I. at St. Anne's Centre, St. Thomas. Theme, "Come Celebrate the Century" was presented throughout the day with the 10 districts representing each decade.

A special guest for the day was Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, F.W.I.O. president. London area president, Mrs. Dolores Shapton, in her address, challenged members to not take the W.I. for granted, but to invite new members to join. She likened the W.I. to an apple. There are various coloured apples as there are W.I. members. Apple is the generic name for fruit. No one is quite perfect, as apples also have blemishes. The skin of an apple is the foundation holding it together as do the A.C.W.W., F.W.I.C., F.W.I.O., area, district and branch hold the W.I. together. Seeds are also necessary to bring forth more fruit or W.I. members. When an apple is cut cross-wise we see a star which is the guiding light. A - stands for appeal; P - for purpose; P - for

personal growth; L - for light; E - for enthusiasm.

The many displays were commented on by Mrs. Grace Campbell. Shedden branch presented the In Memoriam service. Adelaide Hoodless Home and Erland Lee Home presentations were given by Mrs. M. Dale and Mrs. P. Lindsay.

F.W.I.O. president Marg Harris stated the W.I. must do its marketing just as do many other organizations and businesses. A television commercial will soon be viewed. Mrs. Harris anticipates F.W.I.O. board meetings could be held around our province. The W.I. have had a happy relationship and have been an effective partner with Ontario Ministry Agriculture Food Rural Affairs and are thankful for this, but change has come for many reasons. Some advantages were footsteps of wisdom for others and commitment.

The Tweedsmuir History Curator stressed the need to preserve history. Two videos are available. 'Let there be Light', and 'The Challenges of a Changing World'. New Tweedsmuir History Curator will be J. Leitch of Dutton, assisted by H. Van Brenk, Fingal. Conference '96 held at Ridgetown Agricultural College was well attended.

Elected officers for the upcoming year are: President, Mrs. G. Egelton, London; vice-presidents - Mrs. P. Lindsay, St. Thomas and Mrs. F. Hyatt, Mount Brydges; past president - Mrs. D. Shapton, Exeter; secretary - Mrs. D. Spence, St.

Marys; treasurer - Mrs. J. Gibson, St. Marys; board directors - Mrs. Phyllis Laughton, Mt. Brydges, Mrs. Willa Johnston, Wardsville; Mrs. Mary Nicklas. Alternate board directors - Mrs B. Pilkington, J. Leitch Mrs. P. Smith. Gifts were presented to all retiring officers.

At the evening program the Maryn Pardy Scholarship was presented to Jonathan Lee; Dorothy Fatcher Scholarship to Colleen Dalton; Helen Mc Kercher Scholarship to Brenda Coleman. The Centennial Tea Towel competition presentation went to Mrs. Marlene Demaray. Musical entertainment was enjoyed from the McWilliams Sisters of Dutton.

"A CENTURY OF FASHION" DONE BY.
1907 --- 1917 --- Perth South.



THE BUS --- 100th Anniversary of F.W.I.O. October 24th 1996.



1897-- 1907. Done by Elgin West.
Ann Mc Lean with cow, at London
Area Convention Oct. 24th 1996.



"BOB THE BEAVER."

At the London Area Convention.
On October 24th 1996.



"LET'S CELEBRATE 100th ANNIVERSARY W. I. MEMORBELIA.
Done by Oxford North.



DISPLAY OF W.I. things owe the years.
Done by GRACE CAMPBELL.



At the London Convention from Wallacetown w.i.
(From Left) Sally McIntyre, Kay Waite, Louie Lackey,
Helen Van Brenk.

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