



LONDON AREA CONVENTION Oct. 23rd 1997. Executives.

Back Row (L).

1. FWIO President - Marg Harris, 2PRO. Margaret Armstrong,  
3. Treasure-- Chris Wiffen, 4. Secretary -- Doris Spence,  
5. Program Co-- ordinator -- Shirley Tower, Membership Organizer --  
Glenna Ladell,<sup>6</sup> Assistant Curator-- Helen Van Brenk.

Front Row.(L).

1. Second Vice-- President -Fran Hyatt,<sup>2</sup> First Vice- President Pauline  
Linday, 3. President--Gladys Egelson, 4. Past President, Doris Shapton.



DISPLAYS



LONDON AREA TWEEDSMUIR  
WORKSHOP. AT DASHWOOD  
ON Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1998.



DISPLAYS

## Preserving history



**London Area Tweedsmuir workshop.** Over 100 Women's Institute members from Perth, Middlesex, Huron, Oxford and Elgin Counties attended a Tweedsmuir workshop in Dashwood on Thursday. The Tweedsmuir workshop promotes collecting local history. Above from left, Dolores Shapton (Huron South curator), Helen Van-Brenk (assistant curator), Gladys Egelton (London Area president), Jean Leitch (London Area Tweedsmuir curator) and Rosella Clancy (provincial curator) for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. At left, Elimville Women's Institute member Shirley Cooper shows off her baby bottle collection that includes bottles dating back to the 1800s.

Toronto Star - Drop those brooms & demand help  
In the late 1920's woman housecleaning - the house  
was turned inside out. Every nook & cranny was  
scoured. Curtains were taken down, washed & dried on  
huge wooden stretchers. Rugs were aired on the clothes  
line. All kinds of treasures were dispatched to the  
garbage. Spring cleaning had hit once again.

U.S. women do 9 minutes more housework per  
day than they did 20 years ago. Housewives spend 25  
more hours per week on housework than women  
who work outside the home.

Tasks multiply with time, such as picking  
up after the family, sewing Halloween costumes &  
organizing Easter egg hunts.

All of this unpaid work leaves men with 31 extra  
hours a week to further their careers. But it costs  
women money. The magazine *The Politics of Housework*  
estimates that women in the United Kingdom  
lost a total of \$27 billion in overtime in 1987  
because they had to rush off to shop, collect children  
from school & make dinner every night.

Labour-saving devices often don't save time at  
all. They only raise standards & create more work.

The article calls for a revolution in which women  
put down their collective brooms & demand work be  
shared equally among all the people (husbands & children)  
who benefit from it.

# Elgin West District W.I. annual meeting

Elgin West District Women's Institute annual meeting was hosted by Paynes Mills W.I. in Talbotville United Church. The Opening Ode and Mary Stewart Collect opened the

meeting which was conducted by President Ann McLean. Eleven District Directors were ratified by Provincial Board Director Willa Johnston.

Future events in this Dis-

trict are June 25th, Strawberry Social at the Pioneer Museum, which is celebrating 40 years of service to Elgin County; W.I. Sunday, July 6th, at Yarmouth Centre United Church; Induction of Mrs. Hilde Morden at the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Milton, June 8th; Elgin Plowing Match, September 6th; Car Tour, October 5th, Daffodil Tea at Knox (Fingal) Presbyterian Church, October 4th; London Area Convention, October 23rd; Rally Social evening, October 7th at Fingal Presbyterian Church; Public Relations Workshop, September 25th at Mount Brydges Community Centre.

The local OMAFRA office will soon move to London on Exeter Road.

Tyrconnell Branch conducted the In Memoriam service. Throughout the meeting historical events and information on persons involved with the Women's Institute were presented by members. Greetings were brought from Provincial Board Director Willa Johnston, London Area Vice-President Pauline Lindsay, Elgin East President Betty Van Patter, Oxford South President Dorothy Way and

Elgin Rally chair Pauline Lindsay.

## Installation

Officers installed for 1997-98 are as follows:

President, Ann McLean; vice-president, Faye Thorn; 2nd vice-president, Rena Campbell; public relations, Eleanor McMillan; program co-ordinator, Lynn Huffman. London area delegates, Ann McLean and Jean Palmer; alternates, Fay Thorn and Rena Campbell. Resolutions, Willa Johnston; Tweedsmuir History Curator, Sally McIntyre; assistant, Helen Van Brenk. Officers were installed by Mrs. Pauline Lindsay of London Area Executive followed by singing The Centennial Song.

Courtesies were given by Rena Campbell. "O' Canada" closed the meeting.



**LOOKING BACK** – The first Elgin West District Women's Institute meeting was held in Dutton on June 12th, 1908, when 50 ladies attended. On May 15th, 1997, the 89th annual meeting was held in Talbotville. President Ann McLean (left) portrays the first president, Mrs. E. V. Docker, and Grace Campbell, present secretary, as Miss Minnie Gow who was the first secretary.

LONDON AREA TWEEDMUIR CURATOR'S  
WORKSHOP: Held at Salford on August 12<sup>th</sup>/97.

- 1 Kitty McAlpine - Secretary
- 2 Dorothy Way - Oxford South.
- 3 Jean Gow-Leitch - London  
Tweedmuir Curator.
- 4 Mrs Eleanor Gardhouse,  
talked on Cemeteries.
- 5 Mr Jack Hedges spoke on  
Churches of Oxford County



Having out bag Lunch.



Family Trees.

Nov 1998

# London Area W.I. 84th Convention

The London Area Women's Institute held their 84th annual convention at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre in Kirkton, with Huron South and Huron West hostesses.

Over 270 members and guests, were in attendance with the theme "Working Together Shaping Tomorrow's World." The Presentation of Flags by Margaret Dale and Delores Shapton was followed by the District banners to the skirl of bagpipes by piper Carl Mills.

Maitland W.I. conducted an "In Memoriam" service following the formal opening.

President Gladys Egelton, in her opening remarks, urged everyone to communicate more in their communities and get to know their neighbours.

Resolutions Convenor Delores Shapton presented a resolution dealing with the Government's Education Formula regarding the closing of rural schools. This resolution was carried.

Members were also updated with respect to the many changes taking place at the Provincial level by F.W.I.O. President Arthena Hecker. The new structure of the Provincial Board will be made up of only the president, the president-elect, the past president and eight board directors.

Alternate board directors are now known as the PAC (Provincial Advisory Council). Six new Branches have

been formed, which includes 399 new members. London Area is now Subdivisions 18 and 19. Margaret Dale gave a presentation on the Adelaide Hoodless Home.

F.Y.I. (For Your Information) began the afternoon with presentations from O.P.P. Constable Tracey Coglin, Funeral Director Ruth Townsend and Heart and Health representative Deb Campbell.

Displays included those by the Tweedsmuir History Children's Hospital, A.C.W.W. Conference - South Africa, Membership Organizer, Quillows, Handkerchiefs and Public Relations.

Reports were then given by Public Relations, Tweedsmuir Curator, Membership Organizer, Children's Hospital and the Western Fair Association.

President Gladys Egelton reported on Conference '98 in Belleville and Fran Dougall reported on the A.C.W.W. held in South Africa.

The Maryn Pardy Scholarship went to Trent University student Kerry Humphrey, while the Dorothy Fatcher Scholarship went to Kings College student Andrea Wills.

Bell ringers, the "Joy Bells" from Mitchell entertained.

In the evening, guest speaker and author Gisele Ireland, in keeping with the convention theme "Working Together Shaping Tomorrow's World," said that for one hundred years "we've been doing just that."

She gave many hilarious examples of this in her own life and everyone felt that her warmth and humour added to the success of the convention.

Gifts were given to the retiring president, Mrs. Gladys Egelton and secretary, Mrs. Doris Spence. Gladys then presented the gavel and pin to the incoming president, Mrs. Pauline Lindsay.

The flags were retired, bringing the convention to a close.

### 1998-99 Executive

Past President, Mrs. Gladys Egelton; President, Mrs. Pauline Lindsay; vice chairs, Mrs. Fran Hyatt and Mrs. Eleanor Williams; secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Sutherland; assistant secretary, Mrs. Mary Nicklas; Public Relations, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong; Program Convenor, Mrs. Shirley Towers; Resolutions, Mrs. Gladys Egelton; Tweedsmuir Curator, Ms. Jean Leitch; assistant curator, Mrs. Helen Van Brenk; Membership Organizer, Mrs. Glenna Ladell; Provincial Board Director for Southern, Mrs. Donna Willows; PAC Subdivision 18, Mrs. Willa Johnston and Mrs. Glenna Ladell; Subdivision 19, Mrs. Donna MacPherson.



1 Pauline Lindsay, 2 Marg Harris  
3 Gladys Egelton, 4 Arthena Hecker

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Front page story

# Women's Institute passes resolution calling for equitable education

By Kate Monk

**WORKING** together, shaping tomorrow's world" was the theme of the London Area Women's Institute 84th Annual Convention at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre on Oct. 22 organized by Huron South W.I.

More than 170 women from Middlesex East and Northwest, Elgin County, Perth South, Huron South and West

and Oxford Districts attended the day-long program.

The morning included WI business aspects. In the afternoon, the guests heard three speakers. O.P.P. Constable Tracey Coghlin spoke on safety, Funeral Director Ruth Townsend spoke on grieving and Heart and Health expert Deb Campbell presented 'Nutrition on your plate'.

Fern Dougall gave a presentation on her trip to the A.C.W.W. conference in South Africa.

The delegates passed a resolution on the potential closing of rural schools initiated by Motherwell W.I.

The resolution states:

"Whereas Provincial funding to District School Boards is based on Provincial

averages and the Provincial Government's Education Funding Formula does not take into consideration the unique geographical challenges and needs of smaller schools, rural Ontario is severely disadvantaged.

Whereas the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario believe that all District School Boards

need more help to keep rural community schools open versus larger concentrated urban centres, due to the fact the population of rural communities is spread out over a large geographical area and the distance between schools are greater.

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Ontario

Ministry of Education and Training to give separate consideration for District School Boards, under the School Accommodation Funding Formula so as to allow District School Boards to run rural school efficiently and keep rural schools open, resulting in rural students receiving an equitable education in their community schools." 