

LONDON REGION WI — The London Area WI executive was installed on Oct. 28. Front row, from left: Dorothy Sutherland, Putnam, secretary; Arthena Hecker, Sault Ste. Marie, FWIO president; Pauline Lindsay, St. Thomas, president; Fran Hyatt, Mt. Brydges, vice-president; Eleanor Williams, Kirkton WI, vice-president. Back row: Bonnie Pilkington, Mt. Brydges, convention chair; Gladys Egelton, London, past president; Shirley Towers, Glencoe, programs; Helen Van Brenk, Wallacetown, assistant Tweedsmuir curator; Mary Nicklas, Tavistock, assistant secretary; Margaret Armstrong, Mt. Elgin, PRO. Missing: Mrs. Chris Wiffen, treas.; Donna Willows, provincial director; Glenna Ladell; Ruth Axford; Donna McPherson.



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Margaret Armstrong, PRO



Marg Harris International Convener.



*1 Helen Van Brenk
2 Kathy Minnema
London Area Tweedsmuir Books.*

Thursday Oct 28th 1999 - Theme *Going Forward Together* Nov 19/99
DUTTON ADVANCE--WEDNES

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1999-2000 Executive

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Past President, Mrs. Gladys Egelton; president, Mrs. Pauline Lindsay; vice-presidents, Mrs. Fran Hyatt, Mrs. Eleanor Williams; secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Sutherland; assistant secretary, Mrs. Mary Nicklas; treasurer, Mrs. Chris Wiffen.

Public relations, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong; program coordinator, Mrs. Shirley Towers; resolutions, Mrs. Gladys Egelton; Tweedsmuir Curator,

Ms. Jeanne Gow-Leitch; assistant curator, Mrs. Helen Van Brenk; Provincial Board Director for Southern, Mrs. Donna Willows; PAC subdivision 18, Mrs. Glenna Ladell, alternate, Mrs. Donna Axford; PAC subdivision 19, Mrs. Donna MacPherson.



Tweedsmuir History Skit.

1 (Red dress)

2 (Black dress)



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Displays at London Area

85th Convention Thursday Oct 28th 1999.



WI's of London Area

"The New Millennium" was the theme for the London Area Women's Institute's 86th Annual Convention. Over 275 members and guests traveled through fog to attend. It was held at the Thorndale Community Centre with Middlesex East District as hostess.

The Presentation of Flags by Delores Shapton and Eleanor Williams was followed by district banners. Evelyn Rath of Renolds Creek Branch conducted an In Memoriam service following the formal opening.

Roll call was answered by district presidents giving a two-minute summary of the happenings in her district in 1999-2000.

President Pauline Lindsay spoke on the theme "New Millennium" by reflecting back 100 years ago when it was no problem to gather 100 women in one community for an organization. "Now we can travel far and wide, and our communities are not as we once knew them," she said. "As we move forward in the new millennium, we must not forget to use our inheritance wisely."

Federated Women's Institute President Christine Reaburn reported that Phone Busters, ROSE (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) for women's programs are still ongoing. A new book, "Grandmothers Legacy" is being printed. It is some of the true stories submitted by the oldest member of each branch in Ontario. There were 366 quilt blocks from around the world for the ACWW project. Twelve quilts and 9 cushions were made.

President Lindsay reported on the F.W.I.C. Convention held in Brandon, Manitoba, in June.

The afternoon session started with jeweller John Nash speaking on Estate Jewellery, and clinical nurse specialist Nancy Bol spoke on Alzheimers.

Reports were given by Lobbying Con-venor, Public Relations Officer, Tweedsmuir Curator, Children's Hospital, Western Fair and ROSE program.

A 100th Anniversary certificate was presented to Huron West District, and a certificate to Marlene Archer for her work on the new W.I. brochures, by Provincial President Christine Reaburn.

Provincial Advisory Councillors Glenna Ladell and Donna MacPherson gave a short presentation followed by Provincial Board Directors Donna Willows and Ruth Crump.

The revised by-laws of London Area Convention were passed.

Huron South District started the evening with a skit. The Maryn Pardy Scholarship was won by Pam Kittmer of Lakeside. The Dorothy Futcher Scholarship was won by Crista Vanderhoven of Seaforth. The FWIO 90th Anniversary Award was present to Donna Willows.

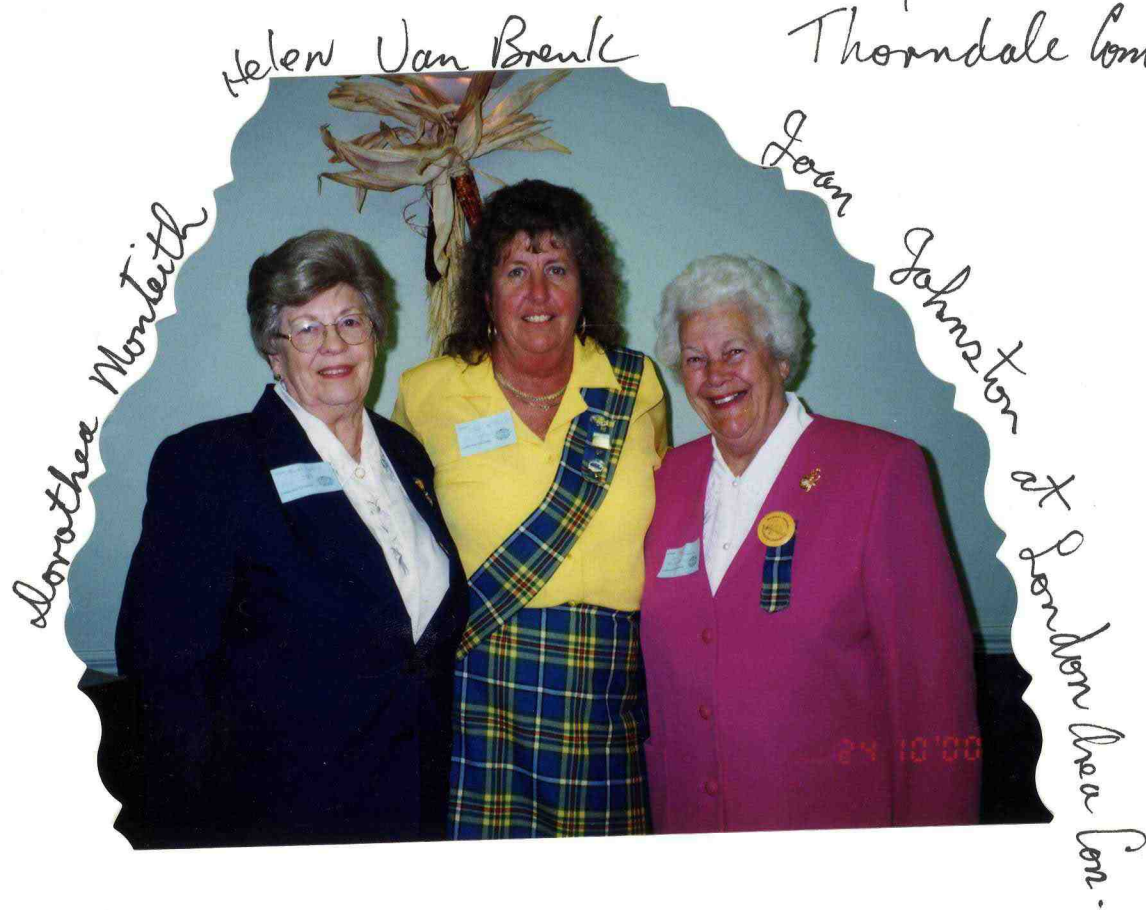
"Men of Accord" from London entertained in song. Gifts were given to retiring officers President Pauline Lindsay, Prov. Board Director Donna Willows and PAC Donna MacPherson. Pauline presented the gavel and pin to incoming president, Fran Hyatt.

The flags were retired bring the convention to a close.

2000-2001 Executive

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Oct 24/2000 at Thorndale Community Centre.





Elgin County District Women's Institute Annual Winter Picnic

When: Wednesday

February 16, 2000, 6 P.M.

Where: Fingal United Church

Branches Please Bring.....

Food, Cutlery and Dishes

One item per Branch for the

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A presentation - not longer

than 5 minutes on the theme

" Health Issues "

Hostess - River Road, Sparta Sorosis

85 attend winter WI picnic

FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

River Road and Sparta Sorosis Women's Institutes hosted the Elgin County District Women's Institute Winter Picnic at Fingal United Church Feb. 16. Registration of approximately 85 members preceded a bountiful meal.

Health issues, a concern for everyone, was the chosen theme. Fourteen of 16 branches submitted skits, demonstrations, dialogue, poems related to this theme ranging from breast examinations, ovarian cancer, the disease that whispers, heart and stroke facts, medications knowledge and expire time, exercise and its benefits; maternity, historical facts of the flu present and future, and from the benefits of the Elgin Community Care Access Centre.

John Martin and Cliff Barwick from Elgin St. Thomas Archives Association spoke on their mission to preserve, collect, and conserve artifacts that reflect our culture, educational, and social history of Elgin. Many artifacts are stored and in need of a home for public viewing. A one floor, wheelchair accessible building is preferable bringing the city of St. Thomas and Elgin County together.



Kathy Minnema Louie Lockey Dorothea Monteith Lillian Jones

Wallacetown Women's Institute



Shadden Women's Institute.



River Road Women's Institute.



Pot Luck Supper at the Winter Picnic.